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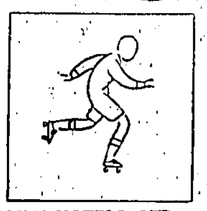

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The China Mail

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TO-DAY'S DOLLAR. — The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 11½d.

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LABOUR AND BANKERS' RAMP

REVERSAL OF NATIONAL SOCIAL POLICY

APPEAL TO MASSES

TAXATION CAPACITY OF BRITAIN NOT EXHAUSTED.

ALTERNATIVE PLAN

Labour dessidents have issued a manifesto in which, as expected, the National Government is denounced as being unauthorised by the people.

The masses are called upon to rally round the Labour Party "in defence of true National interests."

The manifesto alleges (1) bankers' ramp, (2) reversal of the social policy of the Nation, and (3) attack on working classes.

It is claimed the present difficulties can be met and overcome by (1) mobilisation of country's foreign investments, (2) temporary suspension of the Sinking Fund, and (3) taxation of fixed interest-bearing securities.

LABOUR'S PANACEA FOR ILLS

London, Yesterday.

A manifesto, jointly issued by the Trade Union Congress, the General Council, of the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party, and the Consultative Committee of the Parliamentary Labour Party, signed by Mr. Arthur Henderson, inter alia, denounces the new Government as undemocratic and unauthorised by the people, and alleges that it (the new Government) is "determined to attack the standard of living of workers in order to meet a situation caused by the policy of private banks." It declares that the taxable capacity of Britain has not been exhausted and suggests, as an alternative policy, the mobilising of the country's foreign investments, temporary suspension of the sinking fund and taxation of fixed interest-bearing securities, other than unearned income.—Reuter.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Following the decision yesterday of the joint meeting of the General Council of Trades Union Congress and the National Excutive of the Labour Party, that the new Government "should be vigorously opposed in Parliament and by a movement throughout the country," the joint session to-day, at which members of the Consultative Committee of the Parliamentary Labour Party were also present, issued a manifesto calling on the masses of the people to rally to the Labour movement, "in defence of true National interests and constructive effort towards a new social order."

The manifesto declares that it is true the National Ministry, as a Government, is stated to be attacking the standard of living of the workers to meet a situation caused by the policy of private banking interests outside public control, and to be attempting to reverse the social policy of the Nation. It does so "Not because the Nation's resources have suddenly diminished, not because the Nation cannot afford to provide for its unemployed, not because the Budget cannot be balanced, but primarily because financial interests have decided that Britain is setting a bad example to other coutries in taxing the rich to provide for the necessities of the poor."

The manifesto claims that the present difficulties could be overcome in other ways, and says that while Labour is vitally concerned with national interests it emphatically rejects that this can only be secured by the impoverishment of the workers.—British Wireless Service.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

Opening Rather Quiet To-day.

FEATURES SUMMARISED.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states:

The market opened rather quiet this morning with one or two exceptions such as Providents, Cements, and China Lights, which were applied for at quotations.

Banks changed hands at $2,035.

Unions, which were done at $557½, were in demand at $560 at the close. Underwriters had buyers at $5.95.

Providents (old) were reported having been dealt in at $6.10 and $6¼, but there were further buyers at the latter rate. The new shares, after having changed hands at $2.95 and $3, had further sellers at the latter figure, but there were still buyers at $2.95.

Hotels (old) were put through at $17.70, and there were sellers at the close at $17.65. The new shares were actively dealt in at $17.05, sellers asking $17.10, and at the close there were buyers at $13.80.

H.K. Lands were quiet, with sales reported at $91¼.

Humphreys (old) and (new) remained unchanged at quotations.

Realties have a nominal quotation of $17¾.

Ewos, with sales reported at $15.80, were in request at $15.70 without leading to further business. Shanghai Cottons were wanted at $104, but nothing resulted. Zoong Sings remained at $12 buyers.

Trams were in demand at $22, as were Star Ferries at $94. China Lights at $28¼ and Electrics at $81¼, but there are no transactions to report.

Telephones (part paid) were done at $34¾, and buyers at close wanted shares at $34.

Cements (combined) which were an active market, were disposed of at $20.80 and $20.70 sellers asking the former rate, but buyers at the close were offering $20.60. The old shares were wanted at $13½ and the new at $6, but sales did not transpire at these rates.

Watsons, after sales at $17 and $17.10, with sellers asking $17½, closed with buyers prevailing at $17.10.

IN THE AIR AGAIN.

Amy Homeward Bound.

Osaka, To-day.

Miss Amy Johnson hopped off for Seoul this morning at 5.21 o'clock on her return flight to England.—Reuter.

MR. STIMSON AT DOWNING STREET.

Personal Call and Informal Discussion.

NATIONAL RELATIONS.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Mr. Stimson, U. S. Secretary of State, who returned to London this morning from Scotland, where he had been on holiday, proceeded to Downing Street to make a personal call on the Prime Minister. The two statesmen breakfasted together and, in the course of an informal discussion, the conversation, it is understood, turned, naturally, to the maintenance of the present excellent relations between Great Britain and the United States.—British Wireless Service.

TRADE TREATY

FRANCE AND HUNGARY.

JUST SIGNED

MOST-FAVOURED NATION CLAUSE.

Budapest, Yesterday.

Franco-Hungarian commercial negotiations have been concluded and a new agreement was initialed to-day. The agreement provides for preferential treatment of Hungarian wheat in the French market, while Hungary grants certain tariff reductions, based on the most-favoured nation clause.—Reuter.

RECORD SIZE LOAN FOR BRITAIN

NEGOTIATIONS PROCEEDING VERY SATISFACTORILY

NATURE OF CREDITS

ALL DEPENDENT ON BRITAIN ECONOMISING

Financiers in America, Britain, and France are engaged in the delicate and intricate business of negotiating credits and loans to Britain. It is expected that an official announcement will be made very shortly.

A loan of a record size is being talked about.

All this depends on an assurance from the British Government that it will embark on a serious policy of economy.

FRENCH AND AMERICAN CREDITS

New York, Yesterday.

It is confirmed by the highest authority that discussions for the opening of a British Government credit have progressed very decidedly in the last twenty-four hours, and that an official announcement may be expected on August 28.

The credit will be larger than that advanced in 1925 and its currency will be one, instead of two years, otherwise it will be made on similar terms.

A French credit, probably equivalent to the American credit will also be arranged. The credit may be followed by a long term loan in the United States, and it is believed this will be of record size.

The willingness of American bankers to extend credit, it is indicated, is dependent, in a large measure, upon the assurance of the British Government that a programme of economy will be adopted.

$300,000,000 Credit?

According to the New York Evening Post, Wall Street bankers, headed by J. P. Morgan & Co., have agreed to a new short term credit of at least $300,000,000 for the British Treasury.

Officials do not deny the correctness of the report.

Long Term Credit?

The report that this short term credit will be followed by a long term credit of $500,000,000 finds little support in banking circles here at present.

It has been suggested that a British external loan will be floated in all leading financial centres, but bankers here are somewhat doubtful of the prospects of success of such a loan at present.—Reuter's American Service.

Crisis Tided Over?

London, Yesterday.

No confirmation is available either in London or New York of the report of credits being arranged for Britain, but the report is generally accepted as being accurate and is welcomed as an indication that the crisis, in so far as the international value of the pound is concerned, is over.

Negotiations in Paris.

Negotiations for the French share of the credit are being conducted in Paris by Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, of the Treasury, and Mr. Siepmann, of the Bank of England, who lunched with M. Flandin, the French Finance Minister, to-day. Other financial experts were present at the lunch, notably M. Pietri, Minister of the Budget.

M. Flandin also had a long interview with Mr. Wiggin, the American Chairman of the Bankers' Committee, which met at Basle recently.

The Bank of France is keeping in close touch with the Federal Reserve Bank in New York during negotiations.—Reuter.

Cable and 'Phone Conversations.

New York, Yesterday.

Conversations concerning a substantial private banking credit for Great Britain by a powerful American group in process of formation, are progressing satisfactorily.

The negotiations are being carried on by cable and telephone with Mr. Montagu Norman, who is in Canada, and with London.

It is understood that this credit will be established before Parliament meets.—Reuter's American Service.

NATIONAL CABINET AT WORK

MANAGER AND TREASURER WAYLAID.

Armed Men in Mongkok.

NOTHING STOLEN.

An attack by four men on the assistant manager and treasurer of the Industrial and Commercial Refinery Oil Company, 14, Queen's Road Central, in Mongkok yesterday evening, is contained in the Police reports.

According to the manager, Ling Kan-sau, he and the treasurer, Tang Pak-kwai, had alighted from a motor bus at the junction of Nathan Road and Waterloo Road when two men suddenly attacked Tang and threw him to the ground. One of them was armed with a knife. Two others, one of whom was also armed with a dagger, then came on the scene, and, it is stated, Ling grappled with the four, during the course of which he received minor injuries to his head and face. The men, without stealing anything, are then alleged to have fled down Waterloo Road turning into Portland Street.

Ling was attended to by a doctor, but he refused to go into hospital. Both victims are unable to give a description of the "marauders," except for the fact that they wore dark clothing.

DR. J. FENTON.

Funeral at Roman Catholic Cemetery.

The remains of Dr. John Fenton, whose sudden death was reported in yesterday's *China Mail*, were buried in the Roman Catholic cemetery, Happy Valley, last evening, the service at the graveside being conducted by the Rev. Fr. E. Teruzzi.

Those who attended to pay their last respects included Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith, Professor W. Faid, Mr. R. E. Cable, the Rev. C. B. Shann, the Rev. H. du T. Pyner, Mr D. C. Wilson, Mr. H. E. Beale, Mr. and Mrs. Kwok On, and Mr. F. Poon. Many were precluded from attending owing to the unavoidable shortness of notice.

Wreaths included the following: From "Joan," from "Jean and Billy," and from the University of Hong Kong.

FAIR TO SHOWERY.

The Royal Observatory's report issued to-day at 10.30 a.m. states:—

The typhoon is crossing Hokkaido into the Pacific.

A depression is shown to the S.W. of the Paracels.

Temporary monsoon conditions prevail over N.E. China.

Forecast:—E. winds, moderate; fair to showery.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.22 inch. Total since January 1—59.79 inches against an average of 64.81 inches — deficit 5.02 inches.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	82
Macao	79
Pratas Island	81
Manila	76
Foochow	83
Amoy	84
Chefoo	65
Shanghai	70

MESSAGE OF GOODWILL TO INDIA

THE SERVICES IN INDIA

LONDON PASSENGER TRANSPORT BILL.

NON-CONTROVERSIAL MEASURES

The Cabinet is to meet again on Monday. In the meantime Sub-Committees are preparing their final reports on the various proposals they have been examining.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin and Sir Herbert Samuel have cancelled the broadcast speeches they were to deliver. During the life of the National Government only the Prime Minister will make statements to the public.

Sir Samuel Hoare, on assumption of office as Secretary of State for India, has issued a message of "goodwill" to India, in the course of which he specially mentions the services of India.

LORD CECIL FOR GENEVA

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, left London to-night for Lossiemouth. He will return to preside at the next meeting of the Cabinet on Monday.

It is expected that all reports will then be before the Cabinet from the Sub-Committees appointed at its first meeting yesterday. Two of the Sub-Committees were at work to-day. The Sub-Committee, dealing with the economies and taxation required to meet the present situation and effect a balancing of the Budget, was engaged in examining the actual details of proposals, which had already been decided upon in principle. The second Committee considered Parliamentary procedure and the measures to be proceeded with when Parliament resumes.

Apart from legislation required for dealing with the financial emergency, Government will only proceed with measures of a proved non-controversial kind.

It is suggested that the London Passenger Transport Bill, introduced by Mr. Herbert Morrison last March, may rank as such and, since the support of the Labour Party, as an official opposition is likely to be forthcoming, the Bill will probaby be carried through. The Bill provides for the establishment of a Passenger Transport Board for the London traffic area, and negotiations with the Underground Railway and other groups, have reached a point at which it is generally recognised a suspension of the measures would involve serious practical difficulties.

It is considered probable that any other of the Bills, introduced by the late Government and still before Parliament, will be proceeded with by the National Government.

Ministerial Speeches.

Broadcast addresses by Mr. Stanley Baldwin and Sir Herbert Samuel, announced for Monday, have been cancelled. It is understood the Cabinet decided that such statements as are necessary should be made by the Prime Minister, and that, during the life of the National Government, other ministers will refrain from speeches outside Parliament.

Goodwill Message for India.

Almost the first act of Sir Samuel Hoare, on taking over the office of Secretary for India in the new Government, has been to issue a message of goodwill to India.

In this he described his appointment at this important moment in the history of the two countries as the greatest event of his life. He recalls also, that his two most interesting experiences were connected with India on the occasion when he and Lady Maud Hoare were the first passengers to fly in a civil aeroplane from England to India, and his presence as a delegate at the Round Table Conference.

Regarding problems, discussion of which will shortly be resumed, Sir Samuel expresses the view that the truest friend to Great Britain and India is the man who faces difficulties in a realistic spirit with the intention of mastering them. "For a solution of the grave political problems, ideas and phrases are not enough," he says. "That is the spirit in which I shall approach the problem. With realistic attitude, goodwill on both sides must be combined." He concludes with a word of appreciation of the services in India. "Let them feel assured," he says, "that we realize their difficulties and will not fail to support them in the loyal execution of their duties."

League of Nations' Delegation.

Owing to pressure of work confronting Members of the new Cabinet, and the importance of the decisions to be taken during the next few weeks, Lord Reading, Foreign Secretary, will be prevented from proceeding to Geneva for the League meetings.

The British Delegation has not yet been finally completed, but it probable that Lord Cecil will be at its head.—British Wireless Service.

EDUCATION EXPERTS TO VISIT CHINA.

League of Nation's Delegation.

HERE NEXT MONTH.

Geneva, Yesterday.

In pursuance of the plan for co-operation between the Chinese Government and the League of Nations, Dr. Rajchman, Director of the Health Section of the League Secretary and Mr. Walters, the Secretary-General's Personal Assistant, are now proceeding to China. Four educational experts, in addition, will also proceed to China on August 31 aboard the Bremen. The four experts are Dr. C. H. Becker, ex-Prussian Minister of Education and Professor of the Berlin University; Professor Paul Langevin of the College De France, who is as eminent physicist; Professor R. H. Tawney of the London University, and Dr. M. Falski, Professor of the Warsaw University.—Reuter.

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Sterling ..... £ 8,100,000
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Hong Kong, 15th July, 1931.

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COLOMBO	SEMARANG
DAIREN	SEMBAWANG
DELHI	SHANGHAI
HAIPHONG	SINGAPORE
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HANKOW	SOURABAYA
HARBIN	TAIPING
HONG KONG	TIENTSIN
ILOILO	TOKYO
IPOH	TONGKAH (Bhutan)
KARACHI	TSINGTAO
KLANG	YOKOHAMA
KOBE	ZAMBOANGA
KUALA KANGSAR	
KUALA LUMPUR	

Foreign Exchange and General Banking business transacted.
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J. STUART, Manager.
Hong Kong, 17th August, 1931.

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Hong Kong, 19th January, 1929.

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WORLD ECONOMIC BALANCE-SHEET.

Heavy Items on Liability Side.

The bulletin published by the Swiss Bank Corporation contains a concise survey of factors dominating world conditions. The article appears to have been written just prior to the announcement of the Hoover debt scheme, and most opportunely pointed to the urgent necessity of some such move being made on the part of the United States.

After calling attention to the immense natural resources of the world and the great asset represented by human energy when properly directed, the writer points out that the apparatus of production is intact all over the world and has never been in a better state than it is to-day.

Unfortunately, the spirit of solidarity is often lacking, in spite of the natural interdependency of nations, and better mutual understanding is necessary.

One item of liability, the importance of which we might emphasise, since it is very often overlooked, lies in the fact that many States, in spite of heavy losses in capital value, etc., have financed and are still financing their poorer neighbours—among others, Soviet Russia, with the single intention of selling her products on favourable conditions—and this financing is being done with means which are obtained on very onerous conditions.

Two further important liability items are the problems of reparations and the question of inter-Ally debts, and it is suggested that a new Reparations Conference would seem to be in the interests of all.

SCIENTIFIC HISTORY.

It has been one of the conveniences of the chronicle type of political history that it has had mainly to concern itself with people of some prominence in the times with which it was concerned. No such easy path can be followed in scientific history. As Dr. Charles Singer said in his opening address to the Congress on the History of Science and Technology now meeting in London, the greatest events in history were the advents of ideas; not the occurrences of incidents, and to trace the course of ideas—particularly scientific ideas—through the centuries, is a matter requiring not only laborious research, but a high order of scientific skill. The great names in the history of science had no monopoly in originality or industry, and if the tangled history of some of the commonplaces of scientific thought of to-day could be traced in all its ramifications, it would probably be found that vital steps, or suggestive ideas, were provided by men whose names have long been unknown, some of them, perhaps, comparatively small men, but who, none the less, contributed their small share towards the final generalisation.

Scientific history of this kind demands labour and enthusiasm, and is little likely to be undertaken on any important scale in the absence of a reasonably wide general interest in the subject. Late years have shown signs of the growth of such an interest, the Congress to which we have referred being a very evident example. The work of our own Newcomen Society is another illustration. This society has probably up to the present been concerned with the collection of the data of engineering history rather than with scientific history of the type we have referred to, but the most scientific historian must have his facts and his outline on which to work, and the proceedings of the society are gradually building up a valuable collection of information which is likely to prove of great value to future workers. It is also helping to create a wider interest in the whole subject. This is a work of cardinal importance. It is not only desirable, it is necessary, for the future ordered progress of mankind that a wide and more understanding interest should be taken in scientific matter by the educated world generally. — Engineering.

YORK'S NEW INDUSTRY.

Buttons Made from Milk.

A factory has been established in York, for the manufacture of buttons, buckles, combs, and cognate ornaments. This factory is practically unique, for not only does it manufacture the finished goods, but makes the raw material from which buttons and other articles are made. Other factories engaged in the industry concentrate on either the raw material or the finished articles.

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The present weekly output of 10,000 buttons, it is anticipated, will be considerably increased.

HISTORIC COMPANY.

Closing of the Burma Ruby Mines.

With the closing of the Burma Ruby Mines, Ltd., there disappeared on June 30 the oldest mining concern in Burma.

After many vicissitudes this historic company, whose initiation was one of the events arising out of the last Burmese war and the fall of King Thibaw, has succumbed to the present depression of trade, and has surrendered it lease to the Government.

Its inception dates from a period 42 years ago when gold and diamonds in Africa were inviting speculation, and when the prospect of untold wealth lying in the mysterious ruby and sapphire mines of Mogok in Upper Burma fired the public imagination to such an extent that there was almost a riot in St. Swithin's Lane when application forms were issued to eager investors.

Those dreams were never fulfilled, and though the company has paid a few dividends, and has produced gems to a total value of £2,359,140, it has met with many difficulties, and is regarded as a disappointment.

Heavy Royalties.

Rubies and sapphires do indeed exist, and Mogok produces the finest and largest of both, but the extraction from water-logged gravels and clays has entailed heavy expenses. The capital (£300,000) was insufficient, and the Royalties (Rs. 4 lakhs a year while they were paid) were too high.

The crowning blow was the American trade slump of 1908 after which the price of rubies never recovered, and this disaster was followed by the scientific production of synthetic rubies which, though they failed to sell as real rubies, yet ruined the ruby trade.

The war was another blow, and the company went into voluntary liquidation in 1925, this period being prolonged by the discovery of a rich pocket of sapphires which enabled work to continue, though the hoped-for purchaser of the property never materialized. The present state of the market, and the depressed situation of luxury trades, has hastened the end. In its time, the company has produced many remarkable stones; notably the 'Pence Ruby' which was sold for £27,500.

Throughout the period of the company's existence, and for centuries before, native miners have worked these fields, and this form of mining will still continue under Government supervision. If there is one thing certain in this most uncertain business, it is that as fine gems lie hidden in the Burma Ruby Mines as ever came out of them.

So far, only the surface has been scratched; and it will be centuries yet before these engimatical rocks cease to excite the cupidity of man.

The first railway locomotive which crossed the Red river at Winnipeg 50 years ago is now a centre of interest in one of the city's parks.

WORLD OUTPUT OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

Notable Achievement in the U.K.

The Board of Trade Journal recently published some interesting figures showing the world production of motor vehicles in 1930 in comparison with 1929. These statistics have been compiled mainly from the United States Commerce Report, but the United Kingdom figures showing the provisional results in this country for 1930 and output for 1929 were provided by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders. The figures only relate to complete vehicles manufactured by companies strictly national in character and not to the output of assembly plants in various countries.

On the basis of these figures, the decline in the United Kingdom in 1930 in the production of motor vehicles in comparison with the preceding year was less than 1 per cent., against falls of 37.6 per cent. in the combined total for the United States and Canada, of 10.5 per cent. for France and of 13.6 per cent. for Germany. All the other producers together recorded a decrease of 23.2 per cent. It is pointed out in the Board of Trade Journal that on the assumption that the figures for France in 1930 were substantially correct, the United Kingdom in that year gained the first position amongst producing countries in Europe.

Home Sales Maintained.

A notable feature of the statistics is the much greater percentage decrease in the output of passenger cars compared with commercial vehicles, the world production falling by 36.3 per cent. for the former and by 24.8 per cent. for the latter. The United Kingdom figures for commercial vehicles showed an increase in 1930 of 18.2 per cent., while for passenger cars the reduction was only 6.9 per cent.

The much more favourable position of the United Kingdom motor manufacturers in 1930 compared with those in other countries is very gratifying and was no doubt due to the fact that, in spite of the general trading setback, sales in the home market, which absorbs the bulk of the output, were fully maintained.

NEW ZEALAND FORESTS.

Fifth Annual Report of Forestal Timber Co.

The fifth annual report of the Forestal Timber Co., Ltd., of Auckland, New Zealand states:—

The total area now planted is the same as shown in the previous report, viz., 1,726 acres, of which 1,423 acres belong to the holders of fully-paid bonds and 308 to the company. The total number of fully-paid bonds is as under:—Series "A" 1,408—1,408 acres, Series "B" 3—15 acres; 1,423 acres.

In December, 1930, the plantation was inspected by an officer of the State Forest Service, who reported that the trees, particularly the two-year stock planted in 1928, were showing vigorous growth, so far as the higher levels were concerned, but a number of trees on the lower levels had died owing to frost. Taken as a whole, he said the plantation presented a very pleasing sight.

Acting on his advice, the 1928 external fire breaks have been re-ploughed and double disc-harrowed, while the 1927 external firebreaks, which were re-ploughed last year, have all been double disc-harrowed this year.

I visited plantation last month, and am able to assure bond-holders that it is looking very well. Many of the trees are eight to nine feet high.

The position, as regards the company's own affairs, is no better than indicated in last report, but bondholders will no doubt feel gratified that the necessary maintenance work was able to be done on the plantation this year.

Overland China Mail.

A WHOLE WEEK'S NEWSPAPERS IN ONE.

The suspected presence of pirates aboard the British steamer Helikon caused the despatch of H.M. destroyer Stormcloud to the scene. The Helikon was overtaken when 140 miles from Hong Kong, and brought back under armed guard. The Police detained three people for further interrogation. The *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL* gives the details of the affair.

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Further messages received from the Commander of H.M.S. Sepoy, engaged in searching for traces of the sunken steamer Kwongsang, lead to the belief that the ship made a dash to shelter in the lee of Fuyan Island, arriving there on Sunday evening, August 9. The storm increased during the night, and the ship was gone in the morning. Little wreckage has been found. It is certain that three Chinese survivors reached Foochow, whence they left by steamer for Shanghai. No confirmation is available of the report of the survival of any European. Full details are contained in the *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL*.

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The *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL* also contains interesting official figures of imports and exports of the Colony for July, 1931, which show an increase over July, 1930.

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A lengthy legal argument as to the rights of deportees in the Colony, and the powers of the Governor and Governor-in-Council to deal with them, aroused considerable public interest during the resumed hearings of an application by an Annamite, a confessed revolutionary, against a Deportation Order directing his return to Indo-China. The *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL* features full reports.

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Details of the terrible floods on the Yangtsze, which have already caused 10,000 deaths, made 50,000 homeless, and plunged the country around into famine and chaos, are also given in the *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL*.

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Included in the *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL* is the outline of a scheme, backed by the Rotary Club, to provide "lungs" for Victoria in the shape of properly-equipped playgrounds; and also details as to the opening of the new trunk 'phone line between Hong Kong and Canton.

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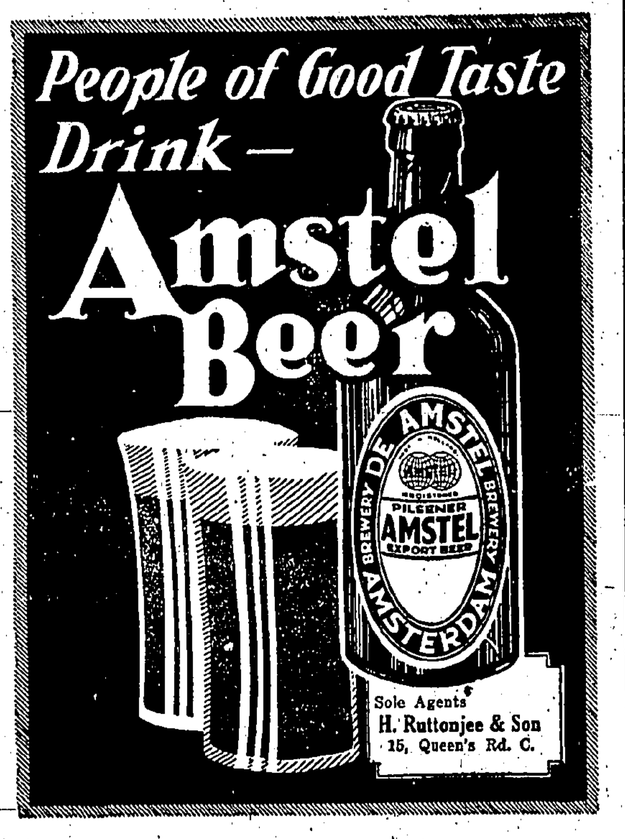

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ROUND THE LOCAL CINEMAS.

What Mail Reviewers Say.

"WAY FOR A SAILOR."

"Way for a Sailor" now showing at the Queen's purports to show the life of the Merchant Marine, ashore and afloat. Rough, hearty fellows, with a girl in every port, the three main characters are delineated upon lines familiar in popular fiction.

It is only to be expected that sooner or later the Only One should enter into the life of the leader of the trio. This lady is charmingly played by Miss Leila Hyams, whose unaffected art saves the picture from simple dullness. The scenes at sea are frankly not very convincing, although the producers have struggled manfully with the rather tough problem of pictorialising a shipwreck. One is grateful, therefore, for the scenes between Jack, (John Gilbert) and Miss Hyams, which are easily the best in the production.

Gilbert is neither very good nor very bad — about on the general average of leading men. It is not easy to believe that he was an idol of the silent film. But he is not given many chances to shine, admittedly.

"Way for a Sailor" is not a super-entertainment, but it has sufficient merit to be worth seeing.

An interesting "item" in the supporting programme is an eloquent plea for Peace throughout the world, made by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald in the Cabinet Room at "No 10." Every word of the Premier's dispassionate address comes through most distinctly. It is a pleasing and highly instructive interlude.

"MARRIED IN HOLLYWOOD."

Lovely music by Oscar Straus is a feature of the Fox movietone talking-singing production "Married in Hollywood" now playing at the Star Theatre, on its second run in the Colony. There are several song numbers sung, these being "Dance Away The Night," "Peasant Love Song," "Deep in Love," "A Man-A Maid" (which is about the best), and "The Black Hussars."

The leading players are J. Harold Murray and Norma Terris, who were co-starred in "Cameo Kirby." Murray's role is that of a Prince, who falls in love with a stage singer (Miss Terris) in Vienna. He is determined to marry her, when matters are spoiled by the hurried visit of the Queen. The Prince is captured but he escapes, and after working his way across the ocean finds work as an extra at a studio at Hollywood, and the girl!

The supporting cast includes Walter Catlett, Tom Patricola, John Garrick, and Irene Palasty. A number of dances and pretty ensembles are also featured.

From Other Sources.

"TARNISHED LADY."

America's social register contributes its bit to the brilliant motion picture debut of Britain's favourite American stage actress, Tallulah Bankhead. More than a dozen socially prominent names appear in the supporting cast of "Tarnished Lady," now showing at the King's Theatre, in which Miss Bankhead is co-starred with Clive Brook.

On the theory that small bits in "Tarnished Lady" would be filled best by those whose social station in life approximated the characters Donald Ogden Stewart had in mind when he wrote the story, George Cukor, the director, induced several of New York's most distinguished women to appear in the picture.

Katherine Leslie, young member of Mayfair and daughter of the Warren Leslies; Dorothy Bigelow, related to the famous Poultney Bigelow, author and a friend of the former Kaiser; Edna Powell, sister-in-law of Herbert Bayard Swope, well known newspaper publisher; Dorothy Fleitman, wife of Henry F. Fleitman, wealthy Wall Street broker, and Beatrice Ames, wife of Donald Ogden Stewart, author of "Tarnished Lady," a social registerite are in the group.

Receiving a call to appear in evening clothes for a scene in the picture, Miss Leslie wore an ermine wrap, trimmed with a broad sable collar, and a costly gown. Feeling that her own jewellery was insufficient for the occasion, she petitioned Fifth Avenue's leading jeweller for $35,000 worth of valuable gems on consignment. The jeweller agreed to part with the collection for a day or two on condition that a private detective be allowed to guard her at all hours. This seemed a little too much for Miss Leslie, who dropped the idea and wore her own collection.

And so, Miss Leslie Rolls-Royced across the Queensboro bridge, which connects Manhattan with Long Island, to the Paramount studio, carrying thousands of dollars worth of ermine and gems in a bag. Of course, she was paid for all this. Her cheque for the day's work was fifteen dollars, which she promptly turned over to her favourite charity.

"HONOUR AMONG LOVERS."

No ordinary culinary problem was the task of preparing dinner for 125 extras who faced the property man daily during the recording at Paramount's New York studio of "Honour Among Lovers."

"Honour Among Lovers," directed by Dorothy Arzner from a story by Austin Parker, deals with a modern and pretty Wall Street secretary who is able to skipper her reputation through many luxurious pitfalls, even when proffered by a handsome and admirable young financial lion. The picture is being screened to-day and to-morrow at the Central Theatre.

The extras assembled at the Astoria studio were used as a group of college people dining in a Connecticut inn after a Yale-Army football game. They formed the background of a scene between Claudette Colbert and Fredric March, who are starred in the picture.

"STEPPING OUT."

Reginald Denny, who leaped into the hearts of screen fans as a prize fighter in "The Leather Pushers," now seems to have turned confirmed farceur. His latest role is opposite Charlotte Greenwood in "Stepping Out," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's hilarious farce of Hollywood and Caliente, based on the New York stage hit. It will come on Sunday to the Queen's Theatre.

Denny plays an oil millionaire who tries to produce a picture and falls into the hands of "gold diggers." Leila Hyams, Lilian Bond, Cliff Edwards, Merna Kennedy, and Harry Stubbs, are in the cast.

"CHARLIE CHAN CARRIES ON."

While a good confidence man may some day sell a gold brick to John Garrick, who has a leading role in the Fox mystery film, "Charlie Chan Carries On," directed by Hamilton MacFadden, he probably can never induce the actor to become a theatrical producer again.

Garrick's first and only experience of that sort occurred two years ago when he joined Peter Gawthorne, who also has a role in this production, in producing Gawthorne's play. "The Wishing Well."

"We had a great show," Garrick says, "and a San Francisco millionaire was backing us financially. Everything looked rosy. The play went over beautifully in various places around the Coast, and we finally brought it to Los Angeles for an extended run. Four days later our 'angel' abruptly withdrew. The whole company found themselves on the rocks. It turned out that our backer, who knew nothing whatever about the theatrical business, and some vague idea that the show would make him another million or so every week. When he found that profits didn't run that way, he got cold feet and retired."

This brief engagement, however, attracted the attention of Fox officials to Garrick's performance, and the actor has since been playing leading roles in "The Sky Hawk," "Song O' My Heart" and "Just Imagine." In "Charlie Chan Carries On," which comes to the King's Theatre next Sunday, Garrick has the romantic lead opposite Marguerite Churchill, with the "Chan" role enacted by Warner Oland, who is said to score a personal triumph as the smiling and clever Chinese detective. The comedy team of Warren Hymer and Marjorie White provide much of the humour in this screen version of Earl Derr Bigbers's novel.

"FREE LOVE."

"Has a husband the right to beat his wife?"

This is the question which was asked the members of the cast of "Free Love," Universal's latest domestic drama when the script called for Conrad Nagel's "knocking out" his wife.

The question precipitated a controversy which lasted throughout the making of the entire picture in which Genevieve Tobin is featured with Nagel.

Possibly audiences at the Central Theatre on Sunday may decide the issue.

Featured in the cast with Miss Tobin and Conrad Nagel are Monroe Owsley, Ilka Chase, ZaSu Pitts, Slim Summerville, Bertha Mann, and George Irving.

TALKIE TALKS.

(Continued from Page 11.)

Adolphe Menjou, who made such a startling come-back in the Talkies, refuses to be a "Star" again. He prefers less honour and fewer worries.

Wallace Beery, great in comedy or drama, is immensely wealthy. His favourite sports are hunting and fishing. He always gives a super performance.

Clive Brook has never been out of work since the end of the War. Becoming too much of a one-type actor, and he hates that, but the women love him, so he has to go on being merely Mr. Brook.

Stan Laurel was born in London. He went to America with Fred Karno's Company.

Claudette Colbert was born in Paris, but has lived in New York since she was fifteen. She is married to Norman Foster.

Ginger Rogers, age twenty, is married to a vaudevillian headliner, Jack Popper, since she was seventeen.

J. Harold Murray sang the original role in "Rio Rita" on the stage.

Leila Hyams has been married for a number of years (surprising) to Phil Berg; she is the daughter of a famous pair in Vaudeville.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Entertainments.

To-day — King's Theatre; "Tarnished Lady."

To-day — Queen's Theatre; "Way for a Sailor."

To-day — Central Theatre; "Honour Among Lovers."

To-day — Majestic Theatre. "The Dancers."

To-day — Star Theatre: "Married in Hollywood."

Radio.

See to-day's programme on page 7.

Lammert's Auctions.

To-day—At Sales Room, Postage Stamps, 5.15 p.m.

To-morrow—At China Provident Godown, No. 8, 825 casks cement, 10.30 a.m.

Meetings.

August 31—Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., P. & O. Bldg., 11 a.m.

August 31—Hong Kong Development Building and Savings Society, City Hall, 2.30 p.m.

Home Mails.

To-day—Outward for Europe via Siberia (Kalyan) 6 p.m.

To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Glengarry and Karmala); Outward for Europe via Suez (Karmala) 10.30 a.m. via Siberia (Benmohr) 3.30 p.m.

Sports.

See Sports Diary on Page 4.

Concert.

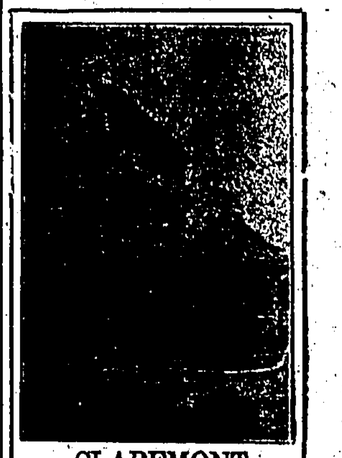
To-day — Promenade Concert, Volunteer Headquarters, 9.15 p.m.

Land Sales.

August 31—At P.W.D. offices two lots of Crown land at Shamshuipo, 3 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

September 4—Reception for Miss Marion Hewlett, Helena May Institute, 11.30 a.m.



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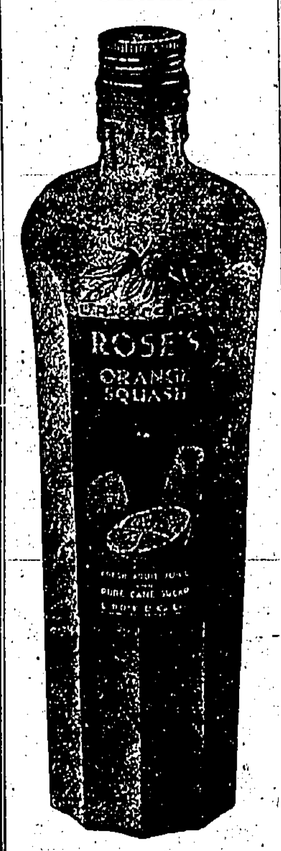

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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

RUGBY POEM TAKES THE PRIZE.

U.S. Trout Fishing in Artificial Pools.

NORTHANTS FIELDING.

Freeman, the Kent and All-England bowler, set up a record at Canterbury, when he took his 200th wicket of the season against Somersetshire.

He was the first player to achieve the distinction this season, and the first to secure 200 or more wickets in four consecutive years.

This feature marked the opening of the Canterbury week, where sunshine prevailed for the match between Kent and Somerset.

Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire and All-England batsman, completed his 2,000 runs for the season in the match against Lancashire.

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The most interesting feature of the National Eisteddfod which was held recently at Bangor was the success of the crowned bard.

Twenty-four poems had been sent in, and the prize was awarded by two of the three adjudicators to the Rev. Albert E. Jones, better known by his bardic name, "Vynan." He derived his idea for his latest poem from an international Rugby match at Twickenham.

Dame Margaret Lloyd George sent a Welsh telegram conveying Mr. Lloyd George's thanks for the sympathy extended to him at the Eisteddfod.

The Rev. J. Gwill Jenkins, of Bangor, known in bardic circles as "Gwili," was appointed Archdruid of Wales.

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V. W. C. Jupp, the Northamptonshire captain, has achieved the "cricketer's double" of scoring 1,000 runs and securing 100 wickets, when he took four wickets against Leicestershire at Leicester. He was the first man to do so this season. This is the eighth occasion upon which Jupp has performed the feat.

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Rumours are prevalent in New York that Phil Perkins, the former British amateur champion, will follow in the footsteps of George von Elm and enter the ranks of "business men golfers" as soon as the United States amateur championship was over.

Perkins, however, has denied this. He stated that nothing had been discussed and that there was no foundation for the report. Referring to the United States amateur championship Perkins said: "I will certainly try hard to win."

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As the result of the death of a young boxer named Denturicci from injuries received during a contest at Nice three years ago, the promoter of the match was recently sentenced to four months' imprisonment, but given a suspended sentence (equivalent to the First Offenders' Act in England).

The referee was also sentenced to one month's imprisonment, and fined, and the organisers of the match were ordered to pay £240 damages to the father of the dead youth.

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A new craze has hit America. It is a successor to "midget golf" and marathon pole-sitting. It is trout fishing in artificial pools.

Los Angeles already has a well-stocked pool just off one of its main avenues, and the tired business man may spend his lunch hour in the sun dangling a line and pulling up trout.

True trout fishermen, however, regard this new "dodge" with scorn. They point out indignantly that baiting lines with worms, as is done at these miniature pools, is sacrilege, and to sit on the cement wall of such a pool and dangle a worm among a school of famished trout is as little related to the true art of fly-casting for the cunning denizens of the mountain streams as knocking down a row of ducks in a shooting gallery resembles hunting the real thing over the marshlands.

A freak declaration and a little bit of luck for Sutcliffe, who was missed off the first ball of the innings, were the chief factors in giving Yorkshire victory over Northants in a one-day match at Bradford on August 11.

As no play was possible on the first two days each side decided to declare after making 4, and then Northants had the disadvantage of batting first. Verity was in great form and, largely because of his fine bowling, Northants were unable to muster more than 86, Verity's figures being 17—4—62—7. A Northants fieldsman made what was possibly a vital mistake when Yorkshire opened their innings for off the first ball of the innings Sutcliffe gave short leg a catch which was not accepted. Profiting by this escape Sutcliffe stayed to see victory won, actually scoring 62 of the 88 while five wickets went down. It is possible that had he not been missed Northants would have gained a great victory since none of the other Yorkshiremen were very comfortable.

YORKSHIRE BEAT SUSSEX.

VERITY 13 FOR 145.

Red Rose Win After Being 107 Runs in Airea

TRICKY BLACKPOOL WICKET.

London, Yesterday.

The following were the full results as cabled by Reuter of the two county matches which were decided to-day:—

Yorkshire beat Sussex by nine wickets at Brighton.

Scores:—
Sussex: 106 (Verity 6 for 52)
165 (Verity 7 for 93).
Yorkshire: 148 (Langridge J. 6 for 59)
124 for one wicket.

Lancashire beat Derbyshire by three wickets at Blackpool.

Scores:—
Derbyshire: 173 and 66 (Tyldesley R. 6 for 21).
Lancashire: 66 (Slater 5 for 22).
176 for 7 wkts.

GOLF.

Starting Times for Sunday.

The Secretary of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club supplies the following list of starting times times for Fanling on Sunday:—

9.20 a.m. O. Eager, A. D. Humphreys.
9.24 „ J. R. Hinton, R. H. Wild.
9.28 „ A. C. I. Bowker, W. Wright.
9.32 „ I. H. Geare, I. W. Shields.
9.36 „ A. Leach, W. C. Shields.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

AQUATICS—To-morrow—Interport Trials at V.R.C.

LAWN BOWLS—To-morrow—First Division—Taikoo R.C. v. Kowloon Dock R.C.; Civil Service C.C. v. Craigengower C.C.; Second Division—Hong Kong Electric R.C. v. Club de Recreio; Kowloon C.C. v. Taikoo R.C.; Kowloon B.G.C. v. Civil Service C.C.; Craigengower C.C. v. Yacht Club.

—Sunday—Police—R.C. v. Civil Service (friendly); Prisons v. S.C. and A. Staff (Inter-Departmental Contest).

ABROAD.

CRICKET—To-day—
Middlesex v. Northamptonshire.
Surrey v. Leicestershire.
Kent v. New Zealand.
Hampshire v. Notts.
Glamorgan v. Gloucestershire.
To-morrow, Monday and Tuesday.
Middlesex v. Surrey.
Essex v. Leicestershire.
Sussex v. New Zealand.
Somerset v. Warwickshire.
Glamorgan v. Notts.
Gloucestershire v. Northamptonshire.

GOLF—To-day—Boys' International in Scotland (Last Day).

TENNIS—To-day and To-morrow—U.S. Men's and Mixed Doubles at Longwood.

FOOTBALL — To-morrow—Full English and Scottish Programmes.

ATHLETICS — Sunday — Germany v. England at Cologne.

INDIAN R. C. BEAT THE M.B.K.

"A" Division Match After Long Interval.

C.R.C. BEAT K.C.C.

Playing on their own courts yesterday, the Indian Recreation Club beat the M.B.K. in the "A" Division of the Lawn Tennis League by 7 sets to 2.

Scores:—

H. D. Rumjahn and S. A. Rumjahn (I.R.C.):—
beat T. Honda and Akiyama 6- 2
beat Matsuo and Hachiuma . 6- 0
beat Imura and Fujimori .. 6- 4

C. A. L. Rumjahn and J. A. E. Cassumbhoy (I.R.C.):—
beat T. Honda and Akiyama 7- 5
beat Matsuo and Hachiuma . 6- 4
beat Imura and Fujimori .. 6- 4

J. S. A. Curreem and A. A. Rumjahn (I.R.C.):—
lost to T. Honda and Akiyama 5- 7
lost to Matsuo and Hachiuma 2- 6
beat Imura and Fujimori ... 6- 1

Chinese R.C. Success.

Visiting the Kowloon Cricket Club yesterday the Chinese R.C. defeated the Kowloon C.C. by 9 sets to nil.

Scores:—

Hambly and Zimmern (K.C.C.):—
lost to Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-kit 2- 6
lost to W. C. Hung and Chiu Tsun-chiu 3- 6
lost to Iu Tak-cheuk and Leung Sai-wah 2- 6

Brown and Zimmern (K.C.C.):—
lost to Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-kit 2- 6
lost to W. C. Hung and Chiu Tsun-chiu 4- 6
lost to Iu Tak-cheuk and Leung Sai-wah 2- 6

Capell and Carroll (K.C.C.):—
lost to Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-kit 1- 6
lost to W. C. Hung and Chiu Tsun-chiu 2- 6
lost to Iu Tak-cheuk and Leung Sai-wah 2- 6

League Table to Date.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Sets. F.	A.	Pts.
Recreio	11	9	0	2	61½	34½	18
Chinese R.C.	9	9	0	0	64	14	18
C.C.C.	11	8	0	3	60	30	16
University	10	6	1	3	62	28	13
C.S.C.C.	10	5	2	3	45	48	12
H.K.C.C.	11	5	2	4	51	48	12
Indian R.C.	10	5	1	4	46	44	11
Army T.C.	10	4	0	6	42	45	8
K.C.C.	10	2	0	8	27½	62½	4
M.B.K.	7	1	0	6	13½	46½	2
S. China	8	1	0	7	25	47	2
Nippon C.	11	1	0	10	30	68	2

SMALL UNITS SPORTS CLUB AQUATICS.

Royal Signals Show Team-Work.

SAPPER EVANS PROMINENT.

The following were the results of the Small Units Sports Club annual aquatic meeting which was held yesterday:

150 yds., Three Styles, (50 yds. each, breast, back stroke and free style.)—Won by Sapper Evans, R.E.

Inter-Unit Team Diving Championship.—1, Royal Signals 99 points; 2, Royal Army Service Corps, 97 points; Best individual dive by Sigmn. Cotton, Royal Signals.

Children's race.—Won by Miss Barbara Kerrich.

25 yds. Dash.—1, Sapper Evans, R.E.; 2, Sigmn. Yates, Royal Signals.

Pillow Fight.—Won by Sigmn. Thom, Royal Signals.

Invitation 50 yds. Race.—1, Pte. McPhee, A. and S. Highlanders; 2, L/Bdr. Lewis, R.A.

Inter-Unit Team Championship Relay (teams of six):

The first race resulted in a dead-heat between Royal Engineers and Royal Signals. At the second attempt Royal Signals won by three yards. R. Signals Team.—Bryce, Yates, Taylor, Newman, Wild, Thom.

At the conclusion of the programme the prizes were presented by the General Officer Commanding, H. E. Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

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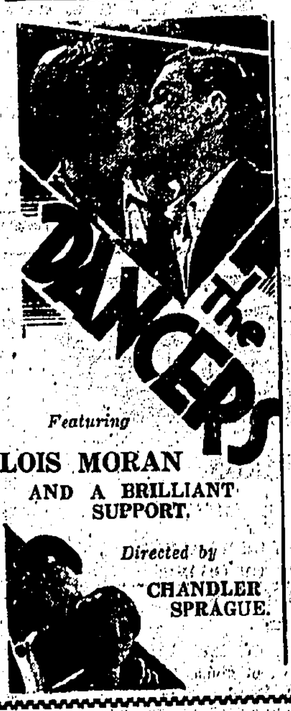

TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW
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WHAT'S MARRIAGE TO SOPHISTICATED YOUTH?

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SPORTSMANSHIP THE THING.

Early Education is Required.

TEAM GAMES ALWAYS.

This is a generation when good sportsmanship in all forms is greatly admired and appreciated, and it is the considerate parent who pays a due amount of regard to the sporting as well as the intellectual education of her children.

Style and efficiency can rarely be attained to a high degree if sports education is deferred until the preparatory school is left far behind, and this is, perhaps, particularly true in regard to horsemanship and swimming, and also, in a slightly lesser degree, to both golf and tennis. The two former, requiring as they do, perfection of nerve and confidence, indicate that the very best time for encouraging absolute fearlessness both in saddle and in water is directly actual babyhood is left behind.

I have watched quite tiny children putting their mounts to jumps, of attempting high dives which would be unhesitatingly avoided by many adults, and this, of course, is due to the fact that, psychologically, our capacity for fear and apprehension develops greatly as time passes.

All The Year Round.

The desirable course, therefore, is to postpone the old time "accomplishments" of childhood for a few years, and concentrate on early proficiency in those sporting and outdoor pursuits which, worthily achieved, are the hall mark of social popularity a few years ahead.

Swimming has always been encouraged in children, and most schools supply fairly adequate instruction and practice, which is easily supplemented and specialised during the vacations. At one time swimming-baths were only patronised by the very hardiest members of the community during the colder months of the year, but actually all-the-year-round attendance is one of the finest methods of building robust constitutions in sturdy frames, and very few children are too frail to indulge in Winter swimming, especially in view of the fact that the temperature of both air and water is most carefully regulated.

Horsemanship until quite recently was a dying art, but the popularity of the motor-car has altered all that. It is now possible for the most town-ridden parents to give their children the inestimable advantages of living real English country life, enjoying the possession of dogs and ponies—the two ideal four-footed friends of childhood—and of growing up with that virility of mind which is born of close contact with and complete understanding of the laws of Nature.

It is, moreover, not only physically that children benefit from country life and the pursuits which they are able to follow keenly and intelligently, but it is quite surprising how it develops the artistic senses, giving an eye for natural beauty and form and colouring. The sunrise on a misty June morning across the moor, the fairy-like effect of hoar-frost in the hedges in late October, the big yellow Harvest moon hanging in mellow richness over the stacked cornfield in August or September, all these things appeal intimately to the inarticulate, idealistic consciousness that is the child's soul.

Childhood Faults.

But I must turn back again to the more prosaic and educational point of view. Professional lessons as a good grounding to most sports though not absolutely essential, are at the same time very desirable, for faults of style and technique acquired in childhood often persist right through mature play, totally ruining the performance.

In the matter of horsemanship, particularly expert opinions vary widely as to correct seat, length of stirrup, and so on, but whichever style is finally adopted it still remains to carry it out naturally and gracefully, avoiding awkwardness and clumsiness.

Similarly with tennis footwork. One has only to be a spectator during a few sets in tennis tournament, even important matches, to note the difference in the neatness and precision of the footwork of the players. When coaching very young children in tennis it is of the utmost importance to see that they use only the very lightest of racquets, or permanent wrist weakness may result. A good plan, in any case, is to bind a narrow bandage or even a small handkerchief round the right wrist, young bones being very plastic and tendons easily stretched, laying the young player open to the aggravation of easy dislocation or sprain in later years.

Comparatively few children are taught to row, sail, and manage a small boat alone, yet it is a source of extreme pleasure to them, while encouraging to the utmost their self-reliance and judgment. Personally I could sail and manage a small boat single-handed long before I was ten years of age, and I frequently look back to the merry days of childhood, when with my sister and brothers I sailed and rowed and swam the long summer days away, storing up golden memories and gathering up vast reserves of good health.

It remains to be seen how many years will elapse before flying for quite young people is the rule, but there is at least one well-known flying club where school children have qualified for "A" licences during their holidays, although regulations precluded the possibility of flying outside the precincts of the aérodrome.

Only Team Games.

It is a curious thing that there are so few schools for either boys or girls where any games, other than team games, figure in the curriculum although it is noticeable that golf is creeping more to the fore in this respect. Such games as squash racquets, badminton, and fives are all of the highest value in mind development, requiring as they do a great intentness of purpose and accuracy of judgment and they could usually be introduced very easily.

It is possible, however, apart from school hours, to encourage children to take up these forms of sport on their own account, and most children are very eager and responsible to such suggestion.

Obviously then, whether the sphere is earth, air, or water, proficiency and excellence in the realms of sport should be placed within the grasp of the younger generation, and there are few who will not joyfully profit by the advantages which are placed before them, and whose future lives and careers will not benefit by the mental and physical discipline which will be induced.

THRILLING BOWLS AT THE K.C.C.

Oswick's Dramatic Last Minute Victory.

HAMPTON'S EASY WIN.

A. H. Oswick (C.S.C.C.) gained a very narrow victory over C. G. Silva (Club de Recreio) in the first round of the Open Lawn Bowls Championship yesterday on the K.C.C. green.

Oswick took an early lead and at the sixteenth head held a lead of one shot. The next head, however, saw Silva take the lead with a 2. Oswick drew on level terms at the nineteenth head and held a lead of two shots at the twenty-fourth head. Silva drew level at the next head and took a lead of one, but Oswick staged a dramatic victory at the twenty-seventh head when he returned a two to give him the victory. It was undoubtedly a great fight for supremacy and never lacked incident throughout.

In another first round match H. Hampton (K.C.C.) beat H. G. Cooper (Kowloon Dock) by eleven shots on the Club de Recreio green. Hampton gained an early lead and was never seriously extended throughout the match.

FLYWEIGHT TITLE NOW IN AIR.

Filipino Beats Wolgast.

UNKNOWN CHALLENGER.

North Adams, Mass., Aug. 20.

Cris Pineda, the Philippine flyweight champion, to-night decisively won a decision over Midget Wolgast, who is recognized in New York and Pennsylvania as world title holder.

The victory was sufficient to send Pineda's stock mounting skyhigh, even though Wolgast's title was a mooted question elsewhere.

Wolgast tried desperately against the invader, but took only the fourth, ninth and tenth rounds. Pineda claimed the rest.

Both fighters weighed in at 114 pounds to make a perfect match in weight. The Filipino boy began by getting a running start. He swung effectively and cast a shadow on the champion immediately.

Wolgast rallied and took the fourth, and it began to look as though the challenger would not be able to last. The Filipino boy, however, was only getting his wind, and came back strong.

Trying desperately to stave off defeat, Wolgast became reckless in the last two rounds and, taking chances, outpointed Pineda. However, the latter had enough points so he did not have to worry, and he merely took care of himself during the vicious wind-up attack by the loser.

"This is the greatest and happiest day of my life," young Pineda said after the fight.

Pineda, unknown in America but bringing a good record from the Philippines, invaded the country recently and began climbing the ladder in a series of lesser engagements, until he won the right to meet Wolgast, which was his goal.

After he won from Rube Bradley of Holyyoke last month he was given the opportunity of meeting Newsboy Brown, one of the ranking bantams. Pineda lost his fight to a heavier opponent, but gave the Californian the hardest battle of his career when they met on August 6.

The outcome of this fight was a good enough showing to get him the Wolgast match.—United Press.

SIR THOMAS LIPTON AND KING'S CUP.

First Opportunity to Compete.

WINS BY FOUR MILES.

The King's Cup, the chief race in the Royal Yacht Squadron's regatta, was won by Sir Thomas Lipton's Shamrock V.

This was the first occasion upon which the race was thrown open to all British yacht clubs, and therefore Sir Thomas Lipton's racing yachts, although invariably the fastest in Great Britain, have never before had an opportunity of competing for the King's Cup when sailed under the flag of the R.Y.S. Sir Thomas, it will be remembered, was elected a member of the Royal Yacht Squadron only in the spring of this year.

His cutter won by the big margin of four miles. It was a magnificent victory for Sir Thomas, and his yacht has never sailed so well.

The heavy gale which had blown overnight had given place to a nice sailing breeze. The race started at 11 o'clock. The course, over which the yachts had to sail twice, was from Cowes to the Solent Bank buoy, near Yarmouth, thence round the Ryde Middle Bank, and back to Cowes.

The Astra led at the start, which was a run with spinnakers to starboard down the Solent channel, Candida was next upon Astra's weather quarter, with Shamrock close astern. Mr. Andreae's tactics in going for Astra's weather quarter seemed to me like a challenge for a juffing match, which Mr. Paul was not slow to accept.

Lead Increased.

As those two vessels luffed they left Shamrock to bear away through their lee. She left them hopelessly astern and led by three minutes at the Solent Bank buoy. Astra was in second place, Candida in her wake, and Westward, Moonbeam, Norada, Cariad, and Cynara a long way astern.

In turning to windward to the North-east Buoy on Ryde Middle Bank, Shamrock, making long tacks, increased her lead to nearly seven minutes, while Astra was making short tacks with Candida. The latter got by Astra off the West Lepe. Moonbeam, sailed by her owner, Mr. C. Sutton, a very fine helmsman, hung on gamely for a long time. At the end of the first round Shamrock led by 7min. 24sec. from Candida.

In the second round lighter winds and a foul tide separated the fleet, and Shamrock extended her lead to nearly half an hour. Astra fouled the North-east Middle buoy and gave up, Candida taking second and Moonbeam third prize.

The corrected times at the finish were:

	H.	M.	S.
Shamrock	4	16	0
Candida	4	45	15
Astra	4	57	30
Moonbeam ...	5	33	12

Mr. John Lawrence, the owner of the American "J" class yacht Yankee, sailed in Shamrock, and he was much pleased with the sailing and handling of the vessel. He said that he thought her weatherliness, which in the past has been her weak point, would be improved by a centre-board of conventional pattern when turning to windward.

QUEER RACING COUP IN AUSTRALIA.

Veiled Woman Places Heavy Wagers.

A heavily veiled woman, who was quite unknown to the betting fraternity, placed heavy wagers in cash on a mystery horse during the Brisbane races. The horse duly obliged, and the woman collected her small fortune. The bookmakers had never heard of the animal before. The stewards were suspicious, and caused an inquiry to be made. They found the winner in its stall, but without an attendant of any kind.

The mysterious veiled woman had completely disappeared, and no one seemed to own the animal. The horse then disappeared as mysteriously as it had come, but it was eventually traced to a New South Wales country district, where it had been a well-known performer. The veiled woman, however, was never seen again.

ECONOMIC GOLF BY A SCOTSMAN.

Nine Tee Course in Australia.

It has taken a Scotsman to invent a really economic golf course that required only a few hundred yards of ground over which nine holes can be played. This Scotsman lives at a station right up country in Australia, and decided that at all costs he would keep up his golf. So he constructed a kind of clock golf course—there is but one green with nine tees commencing from different directions.

The trouble of having to make long walks from tee to green and from green to tee he has easily surmounted, for he marks all his balls with numbers from 1 to 9, and plays from each tee in turn. In this manner he also adds to the fun of the game by introducing an element of competition into the game.

MISS CARSTAIRS' ESCAPE.

Thrown Into Sea from Speed Boat.

WASH OF A STEAMER.

Southampton, July 23.

Miss Betty Carstairs, the British woman speed-boat racer, had a narrow escape from drowning in Southampton Water this afternoon when her new boat Newg II. overturned during the Motor Boat Regatta.

The accident occurred while her craft was taking part in the second of a series of three races for the Detroit News trophy.

In the fourth lap, while she was trying to overhaul Whyteleaf III. (Mr. Fred White) and Miss Britain I. (Mr. H. Scott Paine), her boat suddenly heeled over on her port side through the wash of a passing paddle steamer. Miss Carstairs, who was at the helm, and her mechanic, J. Harris, were thrown into the water. Both began swimming vigorously, and they were picked up unhurt by boats which dashed to the rescue.

Newg II., which was lying on her back, went down by the stern, with her nose above water. The crew of an R.A.F. pinnace succeeded in placing a line round the boat as she was sinking, and salved it.

The other two competitors on making the turn abandoned racing, and went to the aid of the rescuers, but on seeing that the occupants of Newg II. were safe continued the race, which was won by Mr. F. A. White's Whyteleaf III. with a speed of 43.08 miles per hour. Mr. H. Scott Paine's Miss Britain I. was second (41.98 miles per hour).

Miss Carstairs, who is a millionairess, has spent £100,000 on speed-boat racing. She is the only woman to own a boat-building yard and to employ her own staff. She was the first to challenge the Americans seven years after they had won the International Cup in 1920. In this event she has been dogged by bad luck.

Miss Carstairs has had built a "hush-hush" 5½-litre speed-craft to represent British in the "Detroit News" trophy contest in Southampton Water. She backed Sir Malcolm Campbell to the extent of £10,000 for his last trip to Daytona, when he broke the world's land speed record in Bluebird.

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Fighting Malaria.

To the latest issue of the Empire Review Professor D. F. Fraser-Harris, M.D., D.Sc., F.R.S.E., constitutes a short but quite interesting article on the problem of malaria—a subject that may be said to have developed into a typical "stand-by" for Press commentators on a day when the parish pump runs dry. The problem, of course, is worth much more serious consideration than that, although it is conceded that newspaper readers may justifiably complain of too much kail het again for their daily or weekly bill of fare. One has only to envisage Hong Kong without a single anopheles mosquito and without a solitary case of malarial fever to realise the value of the work of the malariologist, unobtrusive though it naturally must be. Professor Fraser-Harris points out that malaria is one of the most serious impediments to the growth and prosperity of the Empire, for it is estimated that the death roll from this cause alone is between two and three millions annually. Hong Kong's contribution to this toll is appalling.

Except, perhaps, for tuberculosis, there is no other disease than malaria fever that is responsible for so much destructive criticism of the medical authorities—destructive, often, owing to the inability of the ordinary member of a mosquito-ridden area to peep behind the scenes at the official work of combating malaria fever. The Professor, in the Empire Review, states quite rightly that even now, few people realise that malaria is not a disease of hot climates, but a disease in hot climates. Ceylon, for instance, would, with its perfect climate, be an earthly paradise were it not that the conditions which favour the breeding of mosquitoes — warmth and swamps — exist there. Byron called Greece "a delicious land," yet here again it is in some places detestable, not because of the climate, but because of malaria. Certain districts in the Barbados, too, were infested by the anopheles, and it was here that a resident made a sensational discovery. Wherever he found those swarms of tiny fish now called "millions," there were no mosquito larvae! His assertion was tested and found to be true, with the result that in the war "millions" were brought to low-lying wadis in Palestine where they wiped out the anopheles-to-be. The health of the troops was thereby greatly improved, and one more step forward was taken in the world-wide campaign against what might be reasonably called the "winged death."

Attention is called to the success of the anti-malarial measures in one rubber estate in Malaya. The death rate amongst Europeans and Orientals in 1911 was 232 per thousand, while in that year 202 persons actually died of the disease. The hospital was overflowing, for in twelve months 1,084 cases were admitted. In 1923 the death-rate per thousand had dropped to three, the hospital was practically empty; only 275 cases were admitted in a year, and the number of deaths from the disease was two! This is a state of affairs which Hong Kong with its annual returns of mortality through malaria might well envy. To quote the writer in the Empire Review, the conquest of malaria is a problem of the most vital concern for every industrial undertaking in India, Ceylon, and the Far East. Just as Sir Malcolm Watson cleared malaria out of Klang and Port Swettenham and other districts within a few years, so, by imitating his initiative and courage, could malaria be banished from the Empire within a comparatively short space of time, with an immediate increase of prosperity to all concerned.

Mail Commentary.

Thefts on Steamers.

Hardly does a week go past without a report of an attempted or actual theft committed on board a steamer in Hong Kong. Some of the thefts are of an audacious nature. Recently two British India boats—the Sainthia and Takada—were victimised. There also was the case of the s.s. Sandriken. Hong Kong, of course, is not exceptional in this respect. All Eastern ports have a reputation for boardship pilfering, some to a greater, others to a lesser degree. Travellers are familiar with the usual precautionary notices posted up on boardship relating to the care of personal belongings. It is recognised that it is an extremely difficult thing to prevent and, may be, the Water Police are to be congratulated on keeping it at the stage at which it is to-day. But, it does seem that some more effective system of protecting ships from the close attentions of light, and in some cases heavy, "fingered gentry" must be devised. The Police Court may be able to make an effective contribution not so much by enhancing fines or terms of imprisonment as by awarding corporal chastisement. Often a whipping acts as a greater deterrent than a long term of imprisonment alone.

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Gandhi and London.

'Tis never too late to mend, and all's well that ends well.

The announcement that the Mahatma has, after all, decided to attend the Round Table Conference, and is due to sail from Bombay for London to-morrow, in company with Pandit Malaviya and Mrs. Naidu, is welcome news. The Simla conversations between the Viceroy and the Mahatma it seems, have been to some purpose. Sanity, it may be said, has prevailed over obduracy, and national interests over sectarian or party interests.

Although there is no authority available at the moment to say so, it may be that Mahatma Gandhi has taken a course of action similar to that which Mr. Ramsay MacDonald elected to pursue, only this week. Perhaps, it will be said of him (Gandhi) also, as the Daily Herald said of Britain's Prime Minister and his colleagues who are following him, that he (the Mahatma) is walking the path leading to a political wilderness. This opinion is expressed, however, with the utmost reserve. But, it has to be borne in mind, that the extremist section of the Indian National Congress, which is numerically and influentially strong, has all along directly opposed very Commission, also every Conference, which sat, to examine and report on the future status of India. That opposition has been based on the principle, that the British Parliament is performing the dual role of jury and judge. It was with the utmost difficulty that the Mahatma prevailed over this section of Congress and induced Congress to agree to his going to London as a representative. For participation in the Conference, Mahatma Gandhi is relying on a very slender thread of permission. How slender is revealed by his decision of ten days or so ago not to sail. That was, in effect, not the Mahatma's decision, but Congress's "hookum" (order).

News in Brief.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 83 degrees. The humidity was 80 at 10 a.m. and 77 at 4 p.m.

The Ministering Children's League will benefit to the extent of $1,550 as the result of a picnic and two bridge drives organised by Mrs. J. B. Newill, and also by the sale of raffle tickets. Prizes were won in the raffle by the holders of ticket Nos. 238, 923, 606, 615, and 747.

Su Tam (31), a street coolie, was admitted to the Kwong Wah Hospital at 9.45 o'clock last night suffering from internal injuries. He appears to have been too eager in boarding a ferry which was berthing at the Mongkok Ferry wharf, slipped into the harbour and was crushed between the ferry and the wharf.

The gambler, Lynch, has returned home, unharmed, says a Reuter message from Chicago. He declared he had remained blindfolded but was comfortably treated, and denied that any ransom was either paid or promised. He refused to give the name of his kidnappers. It was in connection with him that orders were issued the day before for the arrest of Al Capone.

For failing to renew their motor car licences, Dr. S. To Wong, eye specialist, Dr. Li Shu-pui, F.R.C.S., and Mrs. E. R. Childe were fined $10 each by Mr. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning. All three defendants were caught on July 31 in Morrison Gap Road, by Sub-Inspector Nicoll. Dr. Li was fined a further $5 for driving a car without an appropriate driver's licence.

We understand that the proceeds of the Bootleggers Concert to be held at the Craigengower Cricket Club to-morrow will be given to charity.

A small fire broke out just before [illegible] this morning in a Chinese dwelling in one of the side streets of the native quarter near the Tung Wah Hospital. An engine was sent from the Central Fire Station, but on arrival it was found that the fire involved the mosquito netting over one of the beds, and the flames were quickly extinguished by the inmates.

NEWSPAPERS NOW AN INDUSTRY.

Lament for Passing of Old Days.

IGNORANT PROPRIETORS.

The newspaper soon will cease to be an institution, and become one of the major industries of the country, according to William Allen White, editor of the Emporia (Kansas) Gazette, and author. At his cottage near Estes Park, where Mr. and Mrs. White are spending the Summer, Mr. White has time to think of the changes, not only of the newspaper business, but the whole world as he knows it.

"In this day of change, the newspaper, one of the newest of human institutions, cannot remain static," the Emporia editor said. "During the 45 years in which I have been in the newspaper business, I have seen journalism change from a trade to a profession and from a profession to an industry.

"When I began working as a printer's devil in a country print shop, the newspaper business was more nearly a trade than a profession.

"Typically and classically one came into the business through the printing office. The printer's devil became the printer; the printer became the news gatherer; the news gatherer became the assistant editor and finally editor and proprietor.

Degenerating Ethics.

"The trade had its easy, regular, progressive stages of promotion, but it was a craft with craft standards, which, generally speaking, had precious little to do with ethics.

"The ethics of the profession have developed slowly by first disguising begging and blackmail, then rationalising it and finally abandoning it for better sources of revenue, notably and particularly advertising, which really now gives the buyer of advertising value for his money."

"Was journalism once considered a profession, the same as the practice of law and medicine?" the reporter asked.

"Yes, and a dignified profession," Mr. White replied. "That was in the transition from the printing craft to the newspaper industry. That was only a few years ago. Perhaps the change from the newspaper profession to the newspaper industry began two decades ago and is reaching its perfection now.

The Good Old Days.

"During the two or three decades back of 1910, journalism was really a profession. Then editors and reporters were trying earnestly to work out ethical standards of personal conduct. In that day there was a theory, at least an ideal, which pointed to the supremacy of the news department over the business end of the paper.

"The man who owned the paper, of course, was supposed to make his budget balance. He was proud if he had a profit at the end of a year. But his ideal was much the same as that of the lawyer, doctor, teacher and preacher. To row his weight in the boat, to make his private opinion public sentiment, to be a force in the community, to stand for what he considered to be the decent thing—that was the ideal of an average editor or owner of a newspaper in the first decade of the century."

"But did it work and did the editors make money?" Mr. White was asked.

"Better than you might think," he replied. "It was an ideal which really was achieved by from 50 to 80 per cent. of the newspapers between 1895 and 1915, and achieved after taking reasonable profits.

"To-day we find the newspaper ideal changing. The new idea permits a newspaper proprietor to treat his property as purely a business organisation. Thus to-day if a newspaper does not show a definite profit, that newspaper is regarded as a failure, no matter what it may achieve in public service."

"Does that mean the owner doesn't have to be a newspaper man?" was the next question put to the Kansan.

Money Talks Now.

"Surely," answered Mr. White, "and many owners of newspapers have never written a line. Men come into the newspaper business out of banks and factories. They hire and fire editors and reporters for reasons that would have seemed grotesque a quarter of a century ago.

"In this generation the newspaper business is industrial, like textiles, steel, oil or public utilities. But in passing from a professon into an industry, the newspaper is losing its influence by reason of its low appeal for circulation and its high appeal for investors.

"The newspaper business has become one of the major industries, but as a lingering profession, it is a little shady. As profits rise, as circulation appeals to lower and lower human instincts, and as advertising becomes more and more profitable to the buyer and the seller, journalism as a profession is becoming more commercially sound but is losing more and more distinction.

"In our world of change, we are liable to see cataclysmic changes in the business of assemblying and peddling the news. The radio and the machinery for producing television during the lives of young reporters entering the industry today are liable to turn into junk every pound of steel and copper and brass now invested in presses and type-setting machines.

Future of Advertising.

"Advertising is liable to seek the air; and entirely new, strange, processes of vending the thing called news may develop to take the place of the young, shady, outcast industry which is now waxing so profitable and so attractive as an investment.

"This possibility of revolution, of course, is not inevitable. Somewhat upon the way the new owners of American newspapers play their cards will depend the run of luck for the new industry.

"I have seen in 45 years so many changes, such drastic innovations, such a complete revolution in newspaper methods, in newspaper ethics, in journalistic ideals and performance, that I am not at all sure but these present a complete revolution in newspapers as that of the ancient craft which I entered as a printer's cub."

CALENDAR REFORM OPPOSED.

Pope Objects to Fixed Date for Easter.

Geneva, August 13.

A protest against the proposed reform of the Gregorian calendar has been lodged with the Secretariat of the League of Nations by the Vatican.

A letter dealing with this issue which, it is understood, has been signed by the Pontiff himself has been addressed to Sir Eric Drummond, protesting against the fixing of an immovable date for Easter, and, furthermore, against the division of the year into thirteen months. The Pope is understood to point on in his letter that there is no urgent reasons for such sweeping changes and that some of them would run counter to Christian tradition.

On the other hand, however, the Holy Father indicated that he would gladly take the whole matter under consideration if a modification of the present calendar was universally deemed necessary and if the Assembly of the League of Nations would pass a resolution to that effect and appoint a committee of international experts to work out a practical scheme.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of August 28, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/8⅝.

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A European, named Sydney Spalding, was arrested when Inspector Spear of Tsim-tsa-tsui Police Station conducted a raid at No. 6, Observatory Villas yesterday and seized one unlicensed revolver and 48 rounds of ammunition.

Spalding who appeared to be ill, was later removed to the Government Civil Service, where he is now receiving treatment.

FORGED NOTES IN COLD STORAGE.

Alleged Fraud on An Editor.

A MISSING MAN.

It was asserted, amid laughter, in the Crown's opening at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon at the preliminary trial of Kong Sze-yik and Leo Artur d'A. Guimaraes on charges of larceny and conspiracy in connection with the alleged $7,000 bank note fraud, that the forged notes were in the cold storage of the Dairy Farm!

The case is being heard by Mr. E. H. William. Counsel for the Crown is Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith (Assistant Crown Solicitor) while Mr. Hin-Shing Lo (instructed by Mr. J. M. Hall) is defending the first accused. Guimaraes is defended by Mr. Leo d'Almada jun., (instructed by Mr. M. M. Watson). The complainant is Wong To-po, Editor of the Tsun Wan Yat Po.

Leo Guimaraes is also charged on three counts in connection with a $3,000 bank note fraud, the property of Ho Piu-yim but on the application of Mr. Whyte-Smith the case involving both accused is being dealt with first. The Crown applied for a committal to the Supreme Court.

At the conclusion of his opening address, Counsel for the Crown said that the case was one in which the complainant might possibly have found himself in the dock, but it was to be remembered that he did not get further than contemplation to defraud people. Counsel's contention was that the facts disclosed a completed fraud on the part of the defendants. It was a matter of choice, and Counsel submitted that the Crown had chosen rightly.

Before the case opened, Mr. Lo referred to a charge preferred against both accused, which stated "on divers dates between July 12 and 24 they did conspire together with other persons not in custody to defraud such persons as should thereafter be induced to part with money." Counsel had very substantial objections to that charge.

Case for the Crown.

Opening the case for the Crown, Mr. Whyte-Smith said that the complainant, in this case, was the Editor of a Chinese newspaper. He got to know the first defendant in July and on the 12th, or some date about then, the first defendant came to the printing shop to visit his cousin, who happened be a member of the staff. On July 11, he paid another visit and the first defendant slept there for two nights. On July 24 the complainant was introduced to the first defendant, who also knew another member of the staff—a reporter—and the three of them went out to a tea shop together.

This, said Counsel, was the first of a series of meetings at tea shops, and on July 22 the first defendant said to the complainant—"I know a man who has forged ten dollar notes of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank to buy, would you like to buy any?" Counsel did not know what the reply was, but it was not entirely in the negative. The next day the first defendant invited the complainant out again. They went to the Wellington Cafe and there the first defendant produced two ten dollar bank notes and said that they were forged. The complainant replied that they looked "very good." First defendant said that they were excellent, in that they were bigger that the genuine. A third note was produced, and this was smaller. The theory of the prosecution was that the notes were genuine, and that the third note was smaller only because it had been cut round the edges. This was not a case of showing forged notes, but a reverse of the usual fraud. The first defendant told the complainant that he could take the two notes, but he (defendant) insisted on a deposit of $40. This, submitted Counsel, was an indication that the notes were genuine and not forged, because if they were of the latter type, a larger deposit sum would have been asked. The $40 was paid back to the complainant later. The complainant did take the notes. He was to let the first defendant know the following day how many notes he would take and he was told that for $7,000 he would receive forged notes to the face value of $10,000.

Loan for Business Purposes.

The complainant went to his father-in-law and asked for a loan of $7,000 for "business purposes." After a while, the money was paid over, and on July 24 the first defendant telephoned to the complainant and asked him to go to the Stag Hotel to discuss business. He went there and he was introduced to a man named Pang, a so-called broker, who dealt in forged notes. They discussed the matter further and it was arranged that the complainant would get the $7,000 and would go to 17, Aberdeen Street, ground floor, at 5 p.m. Complainant arrived there at about 4.30. There he met the first defendant and the man named Pang, the so-called broker.

The three of them went from there to 6, Caine Road. They were shown into a sitting room on the ground floor, and there they waited for some minutes. A European (?), whom Counsel thought was Guilherme D'Araujo Guimaraes, and whom the Crown would prove was the brother of second defendant, entered the room, with a Chinese who acted in the capacity of interpreter. The complainant was asked if he had the $7,000 with him, and on replying in the affirmative was asked to produce it. It consisted of $500 notes.

A Delivery Order.

The money was handed over to the first defendant, who extracted three notes, amounting to $1,500 and handed the remainder to Guilherme Guimaraes. He in turn handed the money to the Chinese interpreter along with a slip of paper which he said was the delivery order for the forged notes. It was stated, said Counsel, to the complainant, that the forged notes were in the cold storage of the Dairy Farm Company. The interpreter then went away, and the rest waited for him to return.

The second defendant came into the room and, stating that he was a Police Inspector, seized hold of his brother and they went outside. This left three in the room. After the brothers had gone, they also left and went to the tea shop, when at six o'clock Pang cleared off. The complainant, his suspicions becoming aroused, pressed the first defendant for the return of $1,500, and defendant complied with the request. Complainant now suspected the man, and would not let him go out of sight. He invited him to share a room at an hotel for the night and on the following morning the first defendant was handed over to the Police, who tried to find the Guimaraes brothers. They could not find Guilherme yet. The second defendant was found at the R.E. Stores, Queen's Road East, where he was working. He was arrested on the evening of July 25. The first defendant's statement, when charged, was to the effect that he was the dupe of the two Europeans (?), whilst the second defendant, in his statement, asserted ignorance of the whole thing.

A Month's Notice.

With regard to Leo Guimaraes, Counsel said that he had a witness subpoenaed from the National City Bank of New York to say that a day after the alleged fraud, the defendant put in quite a large sum of money. Another point which would be proved by the Crown was that a military officer would say that the defendant gave a month's notice "two days before the alleged fraud, which went to show that he had contemplated leaving his employment. His salary at the R.E. Stores was about $80 per month.

Referring to the complainant, Counsel said that he need not whitewash his character. It was one of those cases where possibly the complainant might find himself in the dock. Still, there was always this to remember; that the facts of the case disclosed a completed fraud, and after all, the complainant had never got further than contemplation to defraud other people. It was a matter of choice, and, submitted Counsel, the Crown had chosen rightly the persons charged.

Evidence Called.

Mr. J. Almeida, clerk at the Money Order Office, subpoenaed, identified the photograph of the missing man as that of Guilherme Guimaraes, brother of the second defendant.

Mr. Lai Sin-chau, clerk at the National City Bank of New York, produced an extract from the Bank's books, showing that on July 25 an account was opened by a Mr. Leonardo Guimaraes with a deposit in cash of $2,000. There was a withdrawal the same day by cheque of $1,000.

Wong To-po, the complainant, gave testimony bearing out Mr. Whyte-Smith's opening statement.

The hearing was adjourned to this afternoon.

TAILORS FALL OUT.

A dispute between Shanghai tailors which led to a fight in Wo On Street, had its sequel in the Central Police Court this morning when Kwu Kwan-sang and Hai Ping, two tailors formerly employed by Madame Chiffon, Gloucester Building, were charged with assaulting Shang Shing-po, also employed by Madame Chiffon. First defendant was further charged with intimidation by assaulting the complainant with intent to cause him to leave his employment.

Mr. J. T. Prior appeared for the complainant, whilst Mr. Horace Lo was for the defence of both men.

After Madame Chiffon had given evidence, the hearing was adjourned to Monday.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres:

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

5.30-6 p.m.—The Third of a Series of Lectures on "The Scientific Explanation of Common Natural Phenomena" by Mr. I. T. Pun, B.Sc.

7-9.15 p.m.—European Programme of Victor and H.M.V. Records kindly supplied by Messrs. Moutrie & Co.

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8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.

7.23-8.15 p.m.—Variety.

Orchestral—
Sing a Little Jingle,
I Found a Million Dollar Baby,
Waring's Pennsylvanians (22707).

Humorous Song—
I Got a "Code" in My "Doze",
When Summer is Gone,
Gracie Fields (B3092).

Hawaiian Orchestra—
Blue Hawaii,
Sparkling Waters of Waikiki,
Hilo Hawaiian Orchestra (21985).

Medley of Songs—
Dr. Cheer,
Johnny Marvin (Comedian) (22741).

Orchestral—
Soldier on the Shelf,
The Alpine Milkman,
Jack Hylton & His Orchestra (22697).

Song—
Moonlight Saving Time,
Maurice Chevalier, Baritone (22723).

Orchestral—
Sitting on a Five-Barred Gate,
If You Can't Sing, Whistle,
Jack Hylton & His Orchestra (22693).

8.15-8.40 p.m.—

The Fire-Bird (Igor Strawinsky),
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8.40-9.15 p.m.—Operatic.

Madame Butterfly—Fantasie (Puccini),
Victor Symphony Orchestra (35786).

Gems from "Mignon" (Thomas),
Gems from "Tales of Hoffman" (Offenbach),
Victor Opera Co. (35975).

Faust—Ballet Music (Gounod),
Royal Opera Orchestra, Covent Garden (9646-7).

11.18 p.m.—Close Down.

POPE CONSULTS CARDINALS.

Sudden and Secret Consistory.

Rome, July 23.

There is much speculation and excitement both in the Vatican and in Rome about the mysterious meeting of Cardinals resident in Rome which the Pope unexpectedly summoned for nine o'clock this morning in his private library.

Twenty Cardinals were present, but Cardinals Ragonesi, Van Rossum, and Leoncier, who are on holiday, failed to appear. The meeting did not break up till 11.45.

No statement has been issued, and there is no mention of the event in the Papal "Osservatore Romano." Cardinal Pacelli, Papal Secretary of State, remarked this afternoon that he had nothing to say, but that it might be possible to issue a bulletin to-morrow if the Pope consents.

This singular reserve is interpreted in Rome as a sign that very important matters were discussed, and that the position of the Church in Spain was taken into consideration first of all. In Vatican circles, however, it is thought that the situation in Italy was the main problem discussed.

It was pointed out that as the Pope has not held a Consistory of Cardinals for more than a year he may have convoked this morning's meeting to set before them a general report of events since the last Consistory. The meeting would naturally last longer than usual, because so many important and deplorable events have occurred in the meanwhile.

NEWS IN ADVTS.

Miss Violet Capell resumes her dancing classes on September 1.

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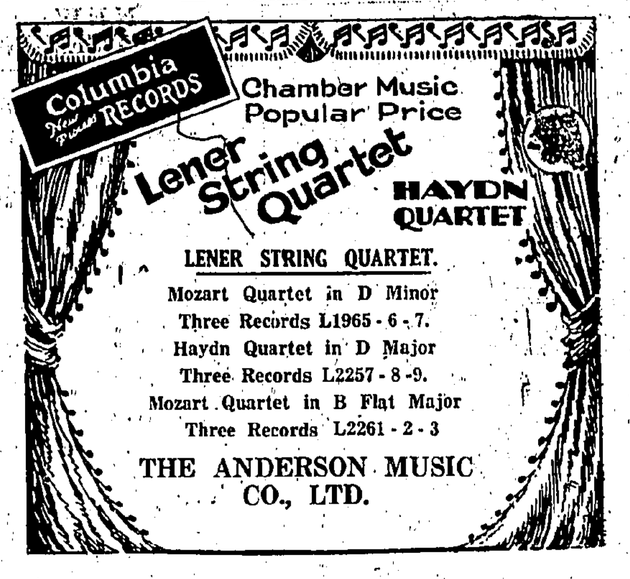
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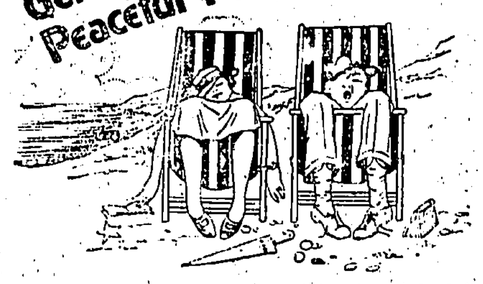

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 4th September will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 18th September or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 3rd September at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hong Kong, 28th August, 1931.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

ON
SATURDAY, August 29, 1931, at 10.30 a.m.,
at Godown No. 8, The China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., Praya, West Point. (for account of the concerned)

825 Casks Cement (more or less damaged).

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, August 28, 1931.

GENERAL NOTICES.

FOR SALE.

An Attractive European Residence at Taipo.

SITUATED South of Railway between Tai Po and Taipo Market Stations, containing 3 Reception Rooms and 4 Bed-rooms, 2 Bathrooms, English Baths fitted with hot and cold water, Flush Water-closet. Fitted for Electric light. Hard wood floors. Lawn, &c.

For further particulars, apply Superintendent of Crown Lands, P.W.D., or District Officer, North, Taipo.

COMPANY MEETINGS

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building on MONDAY, August 31st at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1930.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 24th of August to 31st of August, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.

Hong Kong, 19th August, 1931.

LAMMERT BROS.

AUCTIONEERS, APPRAISERS AND SURVEYORS.

—Public Auctions—

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

ON
SATURDAY, August 29. 1931, commencing at 11 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street.

A Quantity of
LADIES' DRESSES, HATS, SHOES, SOCKS, ETC.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, August 27, 1931.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

POSTAL RATES.

Letters:—
Local—3 cts. per oz.
China and Macao—4 cts. per oz.
British Empire (except via Siberia)—12 cts. per oz.
Foreign Countries and British Empire via Siberia—20 cts. first oz. and 10 cts. each succeeding oz.

Postcards:—
Local, China and Macao— 2 cts. each.
All other places—3 cts. each.
The Registration fee is in each case 20 cents.

INWARD MAILS.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28.

Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, Aug. 8) ..... Nagato Maru
Japan ..... Tjiliwong

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29.

Japan, Shanghai & Europe via Siberia (London, Aug. 10) ..... Karmala (Ship due 7 p.m. 28th)
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, Aug. 8) ..... Glengarry
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Aug. 6), ... Tatsuta Maru
Australia and Manila ..... St. Albans

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30.

Shanghai and Swatow ..... Sui Yang
Japan ..... Bokuyo Maru
Japan ..... Tanda

OUTWARD MAILS.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28.

Manila		Chichibu Maru	3.30 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow		Tai Hing	4 p.m.
Japan		Kalyan	5 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia		Kalyan	
		Registration	Aug. 28, 5 p.m.
		Letters	6 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles		Karmala (Due Marseilles, Sept. 26)	
	K.P.O.		G.P.O.
Parcels	Aug. 28, 4.30 p.m.	Parcels	Aug. 28, 5 p.m.
Registration	Aug. 29, 9 a.m.	Registration	Aug. 29, 9.45 a.m.
Letters	10 a.m.	Letters	10.30 a.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29.

Swatow and Amoy		Antung	2.30 p.m.
Formosa		Benvenue	3.30 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia		Benmohr	3.30 p.m.
Saigon		Pong Tong	4.30 p.m.
Amoy		Anhui	5 p.m.

*Superscribed correspondence only.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

G. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 31st day of August, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshuipo, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in Sq. feet.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot, No. 1558.	Adjoining New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 351, Un Chau Street.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	about	$	$
			As per sale plan.				7,560	198	15,120

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rental	Upset Price.
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1559.	Junction of Fa Wa Street and Maple Street.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	about	$	$
			As per sale plan.				8,130	150	16,260

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—	
Bank, wire	11½
Bank, on demand	11½
Bank, 4 months' sight	11 9/16
Credits, 4 months' sight	1/- 3/16
Documentary, 4 months' sight	1/- 5/16
On Paris—	
On demand	592½
Credits, 4 months' sight	632½
On Berlin—	
On demand	Nom.
On New York—	
On demand	23¼
Credits, 60 days' sight	24⅜
On Bombay—	
Wire	64¾
On demand	64¾
On Calcutta—	
Wire	64¾
On demand	64¾
On Singapore—	
On demand	41½
On Manila—	
On demand	46⅞
On Shanghai—	
On demand	Tls. 79¼
Dollar	7½% dis.
On Yokohama—	
On demand	47⅛
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	1/-
Silva (per oz.)	13
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	1¼% prem.
Copper Cash	Nominal
Copper Cents	3% prem.
Rate of Native Interest	3½% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	24½% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin	Par. –

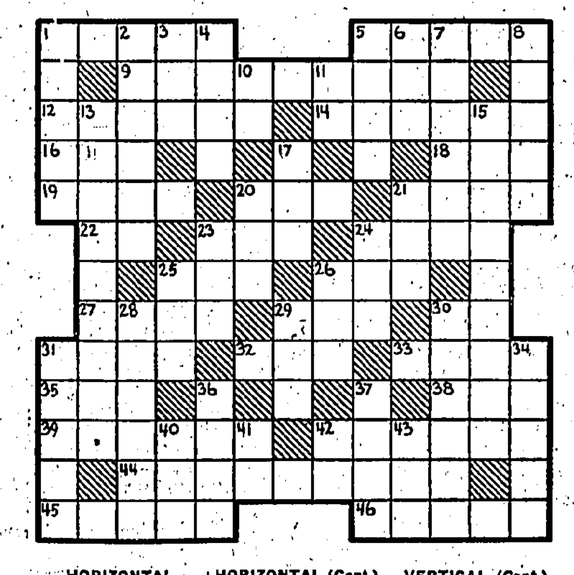
LONDON EXCHANGES

	Rugby, Yesterday.
Paris	123.99½
New York	4.86 5/32
Brussels	34.85½
Geneva	24.97
Amsterdam	12.05½
Milan	92.92½
Berlin	20½
Stockholm	18.16
Copenhagen	18.17½
Oslo	18.17½
Helsingfors	193⅛
Vienna	34.6
Madrid	53.85
Prague	164⅛
Lisbon	110
Athens	375
Bucharest	817
Rio	3 1/32
Buenos Aires	31 7/16
Montevideo	24
Bombay	Holiday
Shanghai	1/2 5/8
Hong Kong	11½
Yokohama	2/- 13/32
Silver Spot & Forward	18

—British Wireless Service.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL
1-Goes without food
5-Undovers
9-High cliffs of Hudson river
12-Small tower on a castle
14-A writing instrument
16-Greek long E
18-Dined
19-Small bolt on eyelid
20-Hobby
21-Large monkey (pl.)
22-Prefix—a form of ex
23-To silence by force
24-In distance across
25-To loiter
26-Have existence
27-Mimicked
29-An expression of impatience
30-In
31-Remant of a tooth in the jaw
32-To shut out

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
33-To move
35-Combining form—outside
38-Part of the foot
39-Clergyman in charge of a parish
42-Foreigners
44-Sal volatile
45-The dean of a diplomatic corps
46-Buildings set apart for bathing

VERTICAL
1-Honors with festivities
2-Dispenses a liquid in fine particles
3-A pine tree product
4-Killed
5-Lyric poems
6-A writing instrument
7-To elude

VERTICAL (Cont.)
8-Auctions
10-Pronoun
11-Apostle (abbr.)
13-Speech
15-Repeated recital
17-Hideous old woman
20-Cigarette
21-Hail! (Latin)
22-A tribe of Israel
24-A Swedish coin
25-A support
26-To make public
28-Full of patches
29-Distant
30-Eagerly attentive
31-Cauterized
34-Ceases from motion
36-Nee
37-A careless person (slang)
40-Tee (Scot.)
41-Right (abbr.)
42-Interjection—surprise
43-Man's name

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

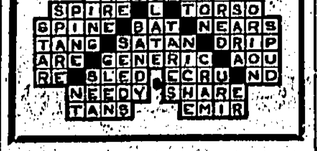
HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

Opening Daily Official Quotations 28th August, 1931.

Next Settlement Day, Monday, 28th Sept., 1931

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nom.	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid	
Banks.							
Hong Kong Bank	$ ...	...	...	2035	Dec.	Interim $3 and 1/-=$57.60	Aug. 10, 31
Chartered Bank	£ ...	...	...	12½	Dec.	Fin. 2/- less 10% (£3 Subject to Affirmation) & 9/3 for 1930	Mar. —, 31
Mercantile Bk., A&B.	£ ...	...	...	20	Dec.	Fin. 2/-	Apr. —, 31
" C.	£ ...	...	...	12½		a/c 1930 less Income Tax	
Bank of Asia	$ ...	...	...(1)	34.80	Dec.	$3 for 1930	Feb 23, 31
Insurances.							
Canton Ins.	$ ...	...	...	1550	Dec.	Fin. $20 less $10 for 1929 Interim $15 a/c 1930	$50 May 12, 31
Union Ins.	$ 550	...	557½	...	Dec.	Final 10/- for 1929 Interim 24/- a/c 1930	=$8 May 29, 31
China Underwriters	$ 6.50	...	...	...	Dec.	None	...
China Fire Ins.	$ ...	...	...	800	Dec.	Final $40 bonus $4 and $14 for 1929 Interim $3 a/c 1931	=$33 May 29, 31
H. K. Fire Ins.	$ ...	...	...	1170	Dec	$30 less Income Tax $1 bonus $10 making $31 for 1929	Mar. 25, 31
Shipping.							
Douglases	$ ...	...	...	24	Dec.	Last dividend for 1924	...
H. K. Steamboats	$ 28	...	...	...	Dec.	$1.50 for 1929 None for 1930	Mar. 4, 30
Indo-China (Pref.)	$ ...	...	...	40	Dec.	12/- ex. 2/-1 on preferred for 1924 and 1925	June 9, 29
" (Def.)	$ ...	...	...	30		Last dividend for 1911	...
Shells Bearer	£/- ...	...	...	42/6	Dec.	Final 1/6 Coupon No. 58 less 1/1 Tax a/c 1930	July 6, 31
Union Waterboats	$ 28½	...	...	...	Dec.	$1.50 for 1930	Mar. 31, 31
Mining.							
Benguets	$ 11.10	...	...	...	Dec.	Stock Int. 20 centavos a/c 1931	...
Kailan Mining Ad.	£/- ...	...	...	28/9	June	Fin. 4% free 1/Tax C'pon 38 making 9% for year 30-6-30	June 30, 31
Langkats (Single)	Tls. ...	...	...	4.95	Oct.	T. 0.50 for year 31-10-29	Dec. 20, 30
S'hai Exploration	Tls. 1.85	...	...	...	Dec.	None	May 6, 30
" Loans	Tls. ...	...	...	4½	Dec.	Final T. 0.31 making T. 0.50 for 1930	...
Raubs	$ ...	...	...	41½	Mar.	Interim 1/- a/c year 31-3-31	Feb. 6, 31
Venezuela Gold Fields	$ 22	8	...	...	...	...	Pending
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.							
H. K. & K. Wharves	$ ...	...	...	103½	Dec.	$6 for 1930	Mar. 19, 31
H. K. & W. Docks	$ ...	...	...	28	Dec.	Last dividend for 1924	...
South Ch. Motors (A)	$ ...	...	...	10	...	...	...
" (B)	$ ...	...	...	10	...	...	...
China Providents (old)	$ 54	...	3.10/3	...	Dec.	10 cents on old 01 cents on new for 1930	April 8, 31
" (new)	$ 2.95	3	(2.05/88)	...			
Hongkews	Tls. ...	...	...	270	Dec.	Fin. T. 11 in ch. T. 14 for 1930	May 4, 31
N. Engineerings	Tls. ...	...	...	6.10	Dec.	T. 0.25 for 1930	Mar. 4, 31
Shanghai Docks	Tls. ...	...	...	105½	Apr.	T. 0 for year 30-4-31	July 22, 31
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.							
H.K. & S. Hls. (old)	$ ...	17.05	17.70	...			
" (new)	$ 16.80	17.10	17.05	...	Dec.	50 cents for 1930	Apr. 16, 31
H.K. Lands	$ ...	...	91½	...	Dec.	Interim 12 a/c 1931	Aug. 12, 31
Shanghai Lands	Tls. 11	...	...	...	Dec.	Interim T. 0.75 a/c 1931	July 30, 31
Humphreys (old)	$ 24½	...	22½	...	Dec.	50 cents for 1930	Feb. 24, 31
" (new)	$ 22	...	...	...			
H. K. Realties	$ ...	...	...	17½	Dec.	Interim 3½ cents a/c 1931	Pending
Chinese Estates	$ 91	...	...	...	Feb.	9d for year 28-2-31	July 28, 31
Cotton Mills.							
Ewo Cotton	Tls. 15.70	...	15.80	...	Dec.	T. 0.75 for 1930	Mar. 12, 31
Shanghai Cotton	Tls. 104	...	102½*	...	Apr. and Oct.	T. 3.25 for half year 30-6-31	May 27, 31
Zoong Sings	Tls. 12	...	...	...	June	T. 0.80 for year 30-6-30	Oct. 11, 30
Public Utilities.							
H. K. Tramways	$ 22	...	22	...	Dec.	Interim 40 cents a/c 1931	Aug. 25, 31
Peak Trams (old)	$ 14.10	...	...	...	Apr.	80 cts. on old for year 1930 cts. on new	June 15, 31
" (new)	$ 8.95	...	...	...			
Star Ferries	$ 94	...	...	...	Dec.	$4 for 1930	Feb. 18, 31
Yaumati Ferries	$ 26½	...	...	...	Dec.	$1.70 for 1930	June 23 30
China Light	$ 29½	...	...	...	Sept.	Final 50 cts. a/c yr. 30-9-30	Dec. 16, 30
H. K. Electric	$ 51½	...	91½	...	Dec.	$2.50 for 1930	Mar. 19, 31
Macao "	$ ...	...	...	29	Dec.	...	...
Sandakan Lights	$ ...	...	...	12	June	None	...
H.K. Tels. fully paid	$ ...	...	...	47			
" part paid	$ 34	...	34/3	...	Dec.	Interim 4% a/c 1931	Aug. 4, 31
China Buses	Tls. ...	...	...	17.00	Dec.	T. 0.50 for 1929	Feb. 25, 30
S'pore Tractions (Ord.)	$/- ...	...	...	3/0			
" (Pref.)	$/- ...	...	...	19/-	Sept.	1½% on preference shares Subject to income tax	Feb. 6, 31
Industrials.							
China Sugars	$ 30cts.	...	...	...	...	In Liquidation	...
Malaboa Sugars	$ ...	...	...	39	Dec.	Fn. 4.50 for 1930	Mar. 4, 31
Cald: Macg. Ord.	Tls. ...	...	...	14			
" Pref.	Tls. ...	...	...	10½	Dec.	T. 1 T. 0.50 for 1930	Mar. 27, 31
Canton Ices	$ ...	...	...	9.10	July	None	...
Cements' (com.)	$ 20.00	20.60	20.80	1.10			
" (old)	$ 14½	...	...	...	Dec.	30 cents on old 01 cents on new for 1930	Mar. 18, 31
" (new)	$ 0	...	...	...			
H. K. Ropes	$ 21.60	...	21.05	.60	Dec.	75 cents for 1930	Mar. 27, 31
Stores, &c.							
Dairy Farms	$ 35.50	...	...	...	Dec.	$1.50 for 1930	Mar. 18, 31
Watsons	$ 17.10	17½	17/.10	...	Oct.	75 cents for year 30-9-30	Mar. 16, 31
Der A Wings	$ ...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Lane Crawfords (old)	$ ...	...	...	7.30	Feb.	Last dividend for year 28-2-28	...
" (new)	$ ...	...	...	7.30			
Macklntoshs	$ ...	...	...	18	Feb.	$2 for year 28-2-31	Apr. 30, 31
Sinceres	$ ...	...	...	17½	...	...	...
Wm. Powells	$ ...	...	...	3.00	Feb.	20 cents for year 28-2-31	June 17, 31
Miscellaneous.							
H.K. Amusement (old)	$ ...	...	...	27			
" (new "A")	$ 23	...	...	...	Mar.	$2.50 for year 31-3-30	Sept. 27, 30
" ("B")	$ 22.80	...	...	...			
C. Entertainment (old)	$ ...	...	...	15	...	...	...
" (new)	$ ...	...	...	15			
Sou. Ch. Enterprises	$ ...	...	...	19½	...	...	...
H. K. Constructions	$ ...	...	...	18.20	Dec.	30 cents for 1930	Apr. 22, 31
B. Ind. G.$ Bonds	$ 72%	...	...	...	...	...	...
H. K. Govt. Loans	$ ...	...	...	51%	Prem.	Interest half yearly	...

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



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CHICHIBU MARU ..... Wednesday, 2nd September.
TATSUTA MARU ..... Wednesday, 16th September.

SEATTLE, VANCOUVER via Shanghai & Japan Ports.
HEIAN MARU ..... Tuesday, 8th September.
HIKAWA MARU ..... Tuesday, 6th October.

LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez.
HAKOZAKI MARU ..... Saturday, 5th September.
TERUKUNI MARU ..... Saturday, 19th September.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.
ATSUTA MARU ..... Saturday, 26th September.
KAMO MARU ..... Saturday, 24th October.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.
KAGA MARU ..... Friday, 11th September.
† YAMAGATA MARU ..... Monday, 14th September.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast)" via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.
BOKUYO MARU ..... Saturday, 12th September.

NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.
† ASUKA MARU ..... Tuesday, 8th September.
† TOBA MARU ..... Tuesday, 29th September.

LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Starboul (Constantinople), Genoa.
† LYONS MARU ..... Sunday, 13th September.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
† RANGOON MARU ..... Sunday, 30th August.
† BENGAL MARU ..... Tuesday, 8th September.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
† GENOA MARU (Kobe direct) .... Wednesday, 2nd September.
HARUNA MARU ..... Friday, 4th September.
† MURORAN MARU ..... Sunday, 6th September.

† Cargo only.

For further information apply to:— **NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.**
Telephone 30291. (Private exchange to all departments.)

O. S. K.

SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.	Buenos Aires Maru	Thurs.,	3rd Sept.
MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR, DAR-ES-SALAAM, BEIRA, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, PORT ELIZABETH & CAPETOWN THENCE TO RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Singapore & Colombo	Hawaii Maru	Mon.,	31st Aug.
BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, AUCKLAND & WELLINGTON via Manila.	Sydney Maru	Sun.,	6th Sept.
JAPAN PORTS (Frequent Services).	Havana Maru	Tues.,	8th Sept.
LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.	Amazon Maru	Fri.,	11th Sept.
	Alaska Maru	Sun.,	11th Oct.
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Kinai Maru	Tues.,	15th Sept.
	Hokuroku Maru	Tues.,	6th Oct.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Belawan Deli & Colombo.	Argun Maru	Thurs.,	3rd Sept.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Honolulu Maru	Tues.,	1st Sept.
HAIPHONG via Hoihow & Pakhoi (Fortnightly).	Menado Maru	Thurs.,	3rd Sept.
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (3 p.m. every Sunday).	Canton Maru	Sun.,	30th Aug.
TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Fortnightly)	Delj Maru	Thurs.,	10th Sept.

For further particulars please apply to:—
OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.
Telephone 28061.

BRITISH WUCHOW LINE

SAILING DATES FOR AUG., 1931 (Subject to Change).
DEPARTURE HOURS: Hong Kong 5.30 p.m., Wuchow 3 p.m.

Steamer.	Leaves Hong Kong		Arrives Wuchow		Leaves Wuchow		Arrives Hong Kong	
TAI HING	FRI.	28th	SUN.	30th	MON.	31st	TUES.	1st
TAI MING	MON.	31st	WED.	2nd	THURS.	3rd	FRI.	4th

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MARINE INSURANCE

Experience Compels a Sharp Rise.

In order to satisfy the demand of underwriters in London, who complain of too much risks and threaten refusal of all further cover, Japanese marine insurance companies are to charge higher premia for ship's insurance.

It has been their practice to raise their rates for ships with bad results the previous year as well as for all superannuated ships, but in future they are to increase their premia for ships exceeding five years old regardless of their past results.

For superannuated ships, the increase will be greater. In future, underwriters may not accept over with particular average but total loss only,—this at their discretion.

All underwriters are to refuse cover for those parties who do not agree to the conditions set forth by the Kyodokai.

It is understood that the above revision will show a net increase of twenty per cent. in the current premia.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—
Cicala—In dock.
Odin—North wall.
Oswald—North wall.
Otus—East wall.
Serapis—North arm.
Stormcloud—North arm.
Tamar—Basin.

Foreign.
Fook On—Chinese gunboat.
Helena—American gunboat.

CONSIGNEES.

LLOYD TRIESTINO NAV. CO.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

Chartered Steamer,
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WATER LEVELS.

Details for West, North and East Rivers.

The following table, issued by the Kwangtung River Conservancy Commission, shows in feet the water levels on the West River, North River and East River on the dates named:—

	Aug. 25	Aug. 26
West River at Shiuhing ...	22.8	25.3
North River at Samshui ...	10.0	9.4
North River at Tsingyuen ...	15.1	15.2
East River at Sheklung ...	9.8	8.8

The highest levels recorded are:—Shiuhing, 41 feet; Tsingyuen, 29.2 feet; Samshui, 27.3 feet; Sheklung, 11.5 feet.

The lowest levels on record are minus 5 feet at Samshui and minus 2.7 feet at Sheklung.

PORT OF LONDON.

Important Development Scheme.

The announcement that the Port of London Authority have decided to seek powers in the next Session of Parliament to acquire the undertaking of the Proprietors of Hay's Wharf, Limited, indicates an important development. This company has an authorised capital of £2,500,000, and an issued capital of £2,490,007 in 1,000,000 fully paid £1 Ordinary shares and 1,490,007 £1 fully paid Preference shares, and it controls numerous other concerns. The announcement refers to the principal properties as being on the south side of the river between London Bridge and Tower Bridge, and it is these wharves, behind which Tooley Street runs, which have a distinctive and obviously valuable character, through their identification with the import provision trade of London. To these wharves vessels come with provisions from Scandinavia and other Continental countries, while butter and cheese are brought in lighters from the ocean vessels which have discharged their cargoes lower down the river from Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and other countries. The special character of the work done at Hay's Wharf (the company also owns a wharf west of London Bridge) doubtless caused the Port of London Authority to hold that the acquisition would be particularly suitable. There is legislative sanction to seek Parliamentary authority to acquire such property. Other wharves are outside the control of the Port of London Authority, and the present development can hardly fail to raise questions as to whether the policy of acquisition will be extended.

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ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Wednesday, August 26.

Haldis, British str., 1,144 tons, Captain W. Lee, from Saigon, buoy No. C3.—Wo Fat Sing.

Thursday, August 27.

Anhui, British str., 2,080 tons, Capt. R. Ashby, from Amoy buoy No. B21.—B. & S.

Fulda, German str., 5,535 tons, Capt. Hashagen, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—Melchers & Co.

Golden Tide, American str., 3,729 tons, Capt. J. B. Knowles, from Shanghai, Stonecutters Anchorage.—States S.S. Co.

Shantung, British str., 1,568 tons, Capt. J. K. Clark, from Swatow, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.

Soochow, British str., 1,594 tons, Captain R. H. Fairley, from Canton, Taikoo Dock.—B. & S.

Yatshing, British str., 1,424 tons, Capt. C. Alexandre, from Canton, buoy No. B2.—J. M. & Co.

Zuisho Maru, Japanese str., 1,434 tons, Capt. H. Tanaka, from Moji, Taikoo Dock.—Hidaka & Co.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The E. & A. s.s. Tanda left Moji for this port on August 26, p.m., and is due here on August 30, p.m.

The E. & A. s.s. St. Albans left Manila for this port on August 27, a.m., with the outward Australian Mails, and is due here on August 29 at about daylight.

The E. & A. s.s. St. Albans left Manila for this port on August 27, a.m., with the outward Australian Mails, and is due here on August 29 at about noon.

The P. and O. Line is laying up several of its ships and is rumoured to be selling some of the older ones, says the Nautical Magazine.

HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E.; 00h. is midnight, 12hrs. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be *added* to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (*), when they should be *subtracted* from the depths.

August 28 to September 3, 1931.

Date	High Water			Low Water		
August	Standard Times		Ht.	Standard Times		Ht.
	H.	M	F.	H.	M	F.
Fri. 28	09	0	7·6	02	36	3·4
	22	55	5·3	16	09	1·7
Sat. 29	09	44	7·2	03	15	3·3
	23	16	5·2	16	0	1·3
Sun. 30	10	28	7·0	03	53	3
	23	37	5·3	16	52	1·7
Mon. 31	10	53	6·6	04	30	2·6
	23	57	7·0	17	16	1·0
Tues 1	11	26	5·9	05	10	2
			—	17	35	2·1
Wed. 2	00	15	5·3	05	52	1·7
	11	55	6·1	17	44	2·1
Thurs 3	00	30	5·4	06	45	2·6
	12	26	4·8	18	00	2·

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Empress of Asia	Sept. 25	Sept. 28	Oct. 1	Oct. 3	Oct. 12
Empress of Canada	Oct. 10	Oct. 13	Oct. 15	Oct. 17	Oct. 25
Empress of Russia	Oct. 23	Oct. 26	Oct. 29	Oct. 31	Nov. 9
Empress of Japan	Nov. 7	Nov. 10	Nov. 12	Nov. 14	Nov. 22
Empress of Asia	Nov. 20	Nov. 23	Nov. 26	Nov. 28	Dec. 7
Empress of Canada	Dec. 5	Dec. 8	Dec. 10	Dec. 12	Dec. 20
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*‡SOUDAN	6,800	19th Sept.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
†KALYAN	9,000	26th Sept.	Marseilles, London, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
MANTUA	11,000	10th Oct.	Marseilles & London.
†KASHMIR	9,000	24th Oct.	M'seilles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
*‡BURDWAN	6,500	31st Oct.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
NALDERA	16,000	7th Nov.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
†KASHGAR	9,000	21st Nov.	M'seilles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	5th Dec.	Marseilles & London.
CORFU	15,000	19th Dec.	Marseilles & London.
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†ST. ALBANS	4,500	31st Aug. 5 p.m.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
SIRDHANA	8,000	11th Sept.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
MANTUA	11,000	11th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*BURDWAN	6,500	12th Sept.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
KASHMIR	9,000	25th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,000	25th Sept.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
NELLORE	7,000	5th Oct.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
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KASHGAR	9,000	17th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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AIR POWER.

Naval Aviation at the Cross Roads.

Ever since the Armistice naval expert opinion has been devided as to the future value or otherwise of the capital ship. The theories advanced have been numerous, but in the main they may be placed under the following headings: (a) that the large capital ship will always remain the basis of Sea Power; (b) that the capital ship will remain but that it will be greatly reduced in tonnage; (c) that in face of aircraft and submarines, capital ships could not hold the seas; (d) that the aircraft carrier of to-day will be the capital ship of to-morrow. No doubt there are other lines of argument but these suffice to indicate the various differences of opinion which exist to-day in the minds of naval experts throughout the world regarding the future of war at sea. It is not the purpose here to take sides in this particular argument, the sole reason for having brought it forward being that it was largely the advent of aircraft which gave birth to the whole controversy.

One opinion, however, does come within the scope of this article and that is the one which expresses the view that the aircraft carrier of to-day will be the capital ship of the future. With this one would like entirely to disagree for the simple reason that one does not believe there will be any ships in future fleets whose prime duty will be to carry aircraft. The theory that aircraft carriers will become capital ships is, one would submit, based upon a totally wrong conception of the functions and operation of aircraft in naval warfare. Those who champion this theory regard aircraft as being the guns and observation stations of the carrier, and consequently the carrier becomes a new type of battle ship having a vastly increased range of fire and vision.

Most of the theories as to the future type of capital ship, in the light of possible limitations imposed by the advent of air power, emanate from the minds of sailors who float rather than from sailors who fly. Thus in every case, surface craft are always regarded as being a prime essential to naval aviation, and therefore, the actual aircraft assume an importance secondary to the surface craft. As a result there is a tendency to-day throughout the navies of the world to expend too great a proportion of time, thought and money, upon the carrying ships than upon the aircraft for which the former exist. Any great sum of money expended by any great Naval Power to-day upon aircraft carriers or any agreements reached at International Naval Conferences to add new tonnage in this class of ship must, one would submit, assume definitely that aircraft for fleet co-operation must always be carrier borne. Unless the Admiralties of the world can be definitely assured by their expert purely aeronautical technical advisers that all fleet aircraft must be ship borne for at least the next twenty years, it is difficult to find any justification for expenditure upon aircraft carriers, other than that essential for the maintenance of those included in the present day strength of fleets.

Just as the minds of naval experts throughout the world are at present exercised upon the problem of selecting the most suitable type of craft to form the basis of sea power under modern conditions, so, one believes, they will shortly be faced with an equally important problem in regard to air co-operation. Indeed, if naval aviation has not already reached the cross roads, they are certainly within sight and some very important decisions as to its future will have to be made before many more years have passed.

This suggestion is based upon the rapid advances which are being made in the development of the large flying-boat. Just as the gunnery expert regards aircraft as a portion of a ship's armament, the aeronautical expert may regard the flying boat as a self-contained unit of the fleet having their own armament.

Naturally the first question which arises in this connection is as to whether large flying boats will have any real future value for fleet co-operation as opposed to coast defence and commerce protection for which duties they amply proved their worth during the war 1914—18. At the moment, it is impossible to give a definite answer to this question since the future alone will show whether flying-boats can be built with sufficient size, seaworthiness and range to permit them to remain at sea for normal periods with the fleet. It may be said now, with some degree of confidence, that developments up to the present point to the possibility of producing such aircraft. If, on the other hand, this assumption is wrong, then it may be stated definitely that flying-boats will never be of any use for fleet co-operation, for the simple reason that they are much too large to be carried in parent ships. Thus to sum up, if the flying-boat, as one believes it will, becomes the main type of fleet co-operation aircraft, the aircraft carrier will become of little or no importance.

At The Cross Roads.

It is for this reason that one would suggest that naval aviation has reached or is at least approaching cross roads in the history of its development, and that great caution is now called for with regard to expenditure in connection with the fleet air arm. By this, one does not mean to suggest that existing carriers should not be kept up to date, both with regard to ship fittings and aircraft, or that money should not be expended upon the equipment of capital ships and cruisers for the purpose of carrying aircraft. Certainly expenditure is most essential at the moment. One would submit however, that great caution should be exercised should a question of building new aircraft carriers arise. Meanwhile as large a sum of money as possible should be devoted annually to experiments directed towards producing large flying-boats, capable of operating as self-contained units with the fleet.

The perfection of such craft should result in increased efficiency at decreased cost. It is generally agreed that the aircraft carrier is an extremely vulnerable craft, which in action would require a special protective force, while its cost is out of all proportion to that of the aircraft for which it is maintained.

A Different Proposition.

The carrying of a few aircraft in capital ships and cruisers is a totally different proposition. The fitting of catapult launching gear should have no ill effect upon the fighting efficiency of the ship, while the additional cost would in this case be very little. If all capital ships and cruisers were equipped to carry seaplanes, air co-operation at a minimum of cost would always be assured for naval operations, no matter on how small a scale they were conducted. If the costly carrier, as we know it to-day, were to be abolished and all fighting ships capable of carrying catapult-launched seaplanes were so equipped, the cost of the Fleet Air Arm in time of peace would be greatly reduced. The money so saved could then be devoted to the development and later the provision of a large force of flying boats, capable of operating not only for coast defence but also with the fleet. Such boats would in fact be regarded much in the same light as destroyers. Their main duty would be to form a far flung scouting screen with the fleet and, as they would carry large bombs and a defensive armament, they would deliver attacks upon the enemy surface craft and flying-boats long before the main fleets closed for action.

A Protective Screen.

The aircraft carried in fighting ships would probably consist of fighters and reconnaissance seaplanes. Fighters in the cruisers would be launched as a protective screen against enemy aircraft, while reconnaissance seaplanes in capital ships would be launched for action reconnaisance as and when required during the progress of the engagement.

The only difficulty attached to the operation of seaplanes carried in fighting ships is picking up during an extended action. This might be overcome in war by employing suitable merchant ships for the duty.—Major P. L. Holmes, D.S.C., in The Navy.

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H.M.S. Rochester Named.

The Mayoress of Rochester, Mrs. George Jenner, performed the ceremony of naming H.M.S. Rochester at Chatham Dockyard. The vessel was afterwards floated out of the dock.

(*Continued at foot of next Column.*)

The Rochester is one of two sloops to be completed at Chatham during the present year. She has a standard displacement of 1,105 tons, a length of 265ft. and breadth of 35ft., with a draught of 8ft. 3in. When completed, she will, it is expected, be employed on police duty on the East Indies station relieving H.M.S. Cyclamen.

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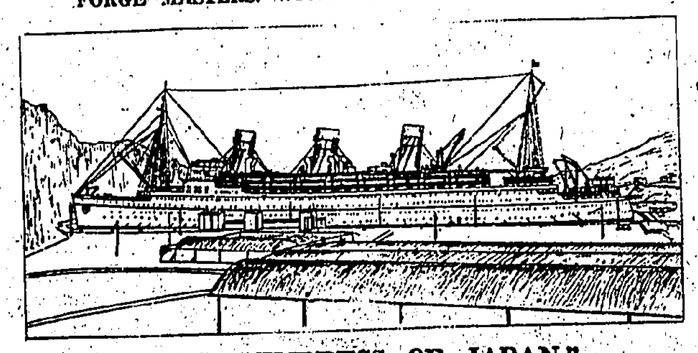

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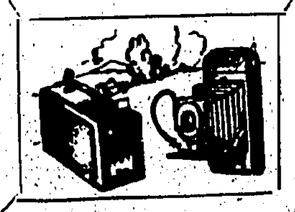

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TALKIE TALKS
by
Diane

Last week I said what I thought of "Way for a Sailor," and it stands at that. Some say it is John Gilbert's best Talkie to date. As it takes all kinds to make a world, I know quite well there will be many who will enjoy this comedy-drama. The so-called comedy comes from Wallace Beery and his concertina, aided by the ladies of his acquaintance—the kind who wait round the docks to help their sailor friends spend their money. If you wish to see Mr. Gilbert in all types of characters, which may or may not prove he has something for the Talkies (which I am beginning to doubt) —then be sure and see this. (Queen's.)

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"Honour Among Lovers" is an expertly acted drama, directed by Dorothy Arzner. There are several delightful scenes developed by Claudette Colbert and Fredric March, as smooth a pair of drawing-room lovers as one desires. It is the oft-told tale of a rich Wall Street broker and a charming secretary, who refuses a certain offer and marries another. A rich man entrusts a young husband to handle his brokerage account, the husband embezzles same and his wife visits his employer's apartment at midnight, and offers herself in exchange for a cheque. The two men meet, there is gunplay, and as a fine fade-out a trip to the Riviera for two (NO, it is not the husband). Charles Ruggles, as usual, makes the best of his small part. Monroe Owsley is one of the most likeable "cads" on the screen, and shares the honours with the two "leads." I will not rate it at as a hundred per center, because for some unknown reason quite a deal of the dialogue was lost. All the same, it is a well-spent evening, and I advise seeing Fredric March in anything he plays. (Central.)

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In "Free Love" you will see a famous actress doing her second Talkie. Genevieve Tobin will be known to many here, as she played the name part in "The Trial of Mary Dugan" in London for many months. This is the story of a selfish young wife, happily married to the typical American husband. By typical, I mean he gives her everything she wants and more, but still she nags, spends her time and money with a psycho-analyst, until the hero's patience is tried beyond endurance. There is gay dialogue and the play is admirably acted by the reliable Conrad Nagel and Miss Tobin, aided by Monroe Owsley and the adorable Zazu Pitts, in her usual wistful maid role. Then, Ilka Chase is always interesting and Slim Summerville helps along with the comedy. You are advised to see this. (Central.)

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George Bancroft in his best picture in years, "Derelict" is coming. Not only the star, but the direction and support make it outstanding. The acting is perfect. The story deals with a couple of merchant marine officers and their long-standing battle over position and women. I know it reads like "What Price Glory" but this IS different. It is serious drama. William (Stage) Boyd is almost as good as Bancroft. Jessie Royce Landis, a newcomer, will certainly please you, especially her agreeable speaking voice. Make a note of this attraction, coming to the King's.

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A real good laugh is provided in "Stepping Out," and what a cast! Charlotte Greenwood, Reginald Denny, Cliff Edwards, Lella Hyams, Merna Kennedy, and a little girl from London, Lillian Bond, who will do big things, if the good breaks come her way. Every one fits into their parts like a new gown fits Kay Francis. It is a continual laugh, and certainly naughty enough to be spicy. See "Stepping Out" without fail. (Queen's.)

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In "Men Call it Love" we see Marriage a la Mode. I saw this play in Los Angeles, then titled "Among the Married." I wish the same cast had done it on the screen. Edward Everett Horton, Gavin Gordon, Mary Astor, and Florence Eldridge (Mrs. Fredric March) were then in it. Now we have Lella Hyams and Norman Foster as the young happily married couple, while Adolphe Menjou and Mary Duncan are the two snakes who stop into the Garden of Eden. Nearly all the action takes place at a Country Club. It is excellently acted throughout, and is quite one of those so-called sophisticated comedies with all ending happily after several affairs. I would not advise you taking the children. (Queen's.)

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Charlie Chan, as impersonated by Warner Oland, is one of the most winning of screen sleuths. It is rather reminiscent of recent happenings on the Belgenland. In this yarn of Earl Digger's, a sight-seeing group of round-the-world tourists find themselves in a murder mystery. Scotland Yard is called in and fails. This is a story, remember, Charlie Ohan, charming, with his cunning nicely tempered with Oriental philosophy, steps in, and unravels the mystery. Warner Oland, away from sinister roles, gives a good account of himself. If you favour a real thrill and suspense to the end of the picture, then go to the King's.

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"Up Poss the Devil" is a film with a wizard cast including Carole Lombard, Norman Foster, Lilyan Tashman, Stuart Erwin and Skeets Gallagher. You will forget your cares for an hour or so, if you see this, which is shortly coming to the Central.

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The admirers of Laurel and Hardy are legion, and we all look forward to the release of their first five-reeler—"Pardon Us." It is more or less a parody on a big prison film, we shall not see here "The Big House." I admit to this duo being my pet hilarity team. There may be some disappointment is this film, but there are plenty of laughs. Stan Laurel's tooth, which causes him to give everyone the "Raspberry," including the warden, their efforts to sleep two in a prison bunk, and their innocent complicity in the jail break are among the best bits. It should pack the Queen's.

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"Married in Hollywood" was the first Operetta to come from the Talkies. The story is a combination of "Graustark" and "Cinderella," but the music by Oscar Strauss is beautiful, and J. Harold Murray and Norma Terriss are worth hearing. It is at the "Star," but the ferry trip will repay you.

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An American and a Southerner, Tallulah Bankhead has been the reigning idol of the English theatres for the last eight years. Her life is one grand gesture of defiance of the conventional colle. but, breeding and good taste are her heritage, and she gets away with anything. Entertained by the leaders of Mayfair and adored by the gallery girls. Now we see her first American film, "Tarnished Lady." An original story from the pen of a humorist, Donald Ogden Stewart, rather like "Laughter" (and Tallulah reminds me of Nancy Carroll too in her acting) but not so good. It is Michael "Arlenish," and I felt that Tallulah only needed a green hat to add to the picture. Tallulah with a baby, well, that made me smile. We know from the beginning what the end will be, because Clive Brook is the featured male. He is nothing to write home about in this film, but Tallulah, smoking innumerable cigarettes, the beauteous lady whom critics call, T.N.T. or "Dynamite in a perfume Bottle," well no one who is wise will miss seeing her trashy story and all. I adored her on the stage, I expect to go on adoring her. She admits that this film is not up to standard, but hopes to improve in her next, "My Sin." She is the daughter of a Congressman, the only man who served his Country in the House of Representatives at the same time as his father. This little girl comes from a well-known and illustrious family. She always determined to be an actress, although brought up to be nothing by ornamental. She was not an outstanding success on Broadway, although she supported some well-known "Stars." London gave her fame and success. She has played all types; in "Camille" (how she revelled in that part), "The Green Hat," "Gold Diggers," "Let Us Be Gay" and other choice roles. She is a character, says what she likes and does what she likes. Keeps her lovely home in London going, because her pets love it, and must not be disturbed, and has had the same servants for years, and intends to pension them off nobly. Every one who works for, and with her, loves her. She is unquestionably lovely and is a real blonde. When you see her in this film you may wonder why she is so popular on the stage, but do take into consideration that the play is weak, and she shoulders all the responsibility, and proves she will show us she is real screen material, when given the right stories. (King's.)

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Critics declare the "It" Girl is through, and that "Kick In" will be her last Talkie. In this, she shows us tragedy, rather like she was in the silent, "Ladies of the Mob." There is a great deal of unhappiness in the story, but all ends well. Chick, very well played by Regis Toomey, released from "The Big House," wants to go straight, and his young wife wants to help him, but the world in general and the police force in particular are difficult to convince. Lots of excitement in the old story, but Clara does her best. Twenty-six, and through?—Paramount have done their best to keep this girl in the front line of box-office attractions. In the Movies she stood alone, but the Mike has proved an enemy and she has never done anything great. Now she says she will marry Rex Bell, and retire to his magnificent Ranch. I, for one, am intensely sorry, for I always rate her as one of the greatest actresses the screen has known, but not in the new medium. If the word finis has to be written to this wonderful little girl's career, then be sure and see her last, but keep in memory the "It Girl" of the Silents, and in spite of all scandals go on boosting for her. "Kick In" at King's.

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On August 23, 1926, Rudolph Valentino died. The Valentino Association in London will never let the memory of the famous film Star fade. They have fitted and endowed a children's ward in the Italian Hospital in Soho. There is a new Ultra-violet Ray Lamp for surgical treatment, inscribed with the last words of the idol, "I want the sunlight to greet me." This Association is flourishing, it stresses the more spiritual side of Valentino's character, his generosity and kindness. I visited his Tomb in Hollywood. Every day admirers deck it with flowers, and every day there are visitors. This famous Sheik of Sheiks, lives on, his art and his kindness still survive.

WHO'S WHO IN COMING RELEASES.

Zazu Pitts is the funny female who stands in the background, but who gets all the laughs. Although little more than a "bit" player, receives at least two thousand per week. They make her a comedienne, but she is amongst the screens great tragediennes. I love her expressive eyes, and long slim hands. Zazu Pitts is one of the greatest "Stealers" in pictures.

Ilka Chase is the daughter of a famous mother, the Editor of "Vogue."

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" Roast	燒	牛肉	" 33	24	22
" Breast	牛	腩肉	" 30	20	18
" Soup	湯	肉	" 27	20	18
" Steak	牛	排	" 33	24	22
" Steak Sirloin	牛	柳腰	" 46	30	35
" Sausages	牛		" 36	26	20
BuHock's Brains	牛	腦	per set 17	10	12
" Tongue, fresh	牛	脷	each 75	50	60
" Tongue, corned	咸	牛脷	" —	60	—
" Head	牛	頭	" $1.20	—	$1.20
" Heart	牛	心	lb. 24	18	14
" Hump, Salt	牛	峰	" —	20	18
" Feet	牛	腳	each 12	10	12
" Kidneys	牛	腰	" 15	10	12
" Tail	牛	尾	" 27	20	22
" Liver	牛	肝	lb. 24	13	14
" Tripe	牛	肚	" 8	6	7
Calves' Head & Feet	牛仔	頭腳	set $1.50	$1.00	$1.00
Mutton Chop	羊	排骨	lb. 44	26	—
" Leg	羊	腿	" 44	26	—
" Shoulder	羊	手	" 40	24	—
" Saddle	羊	鞍肉	" 44	—	—
Pig's Chitlings	猪	腸	" 30	27	—
" Brains	猪	腦	Per set 3	—	—
" Feet	猪	腳	lb. 16	15	—
" Fry	猪	什	" 28	15	18
" Head	猪	頭	" 18	20	—
" Heart	猪	心	each 15	10	10
" Kidneys	猪		" 15	10	3
" Liver	猪	肝	lb. 48	30	24
Pork Chop	猪	排骨	" 36	25	23
" Leg	猪	腿	" 44	60	70
" Loin	猪	腰	" 26	21	—
" Fat or Lard	猪	油	" 26	21	—
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊	頭腳	per set 90	60	70
" Heart	羊	心	each 12	8	7
" Kidneys	羊	腰	" 15	12	10
" Liver	牛	肝	" 45	26	25
Sucking Pigs, to order	乳	猪	lb. 25	25	22
Suet, Beef	牛	油	" 30	20	18
" Mutton	羊	油	" 36	26	26
Veal	牛仔	仔	" 22	20	20
" Sausages	牛	肉腸	" 28	—	—
" No. 1			" 32	—	—

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Bream	鯇	魚	魚	" 38	20	16
Canton Fresh Water Fish	省	河	魚	" 38	—	—
Carp	鯉	魚	魚	" 40	13	16
Catfish	塘	虱	魚	" 48	16	27
Codfish	大	口	魚	" 46	12	9
Crabs	蟹			" 56	16	17
Cuttle Fish	墨	魚		" 32	23	26
Dab	鰈			" 26	16	27
Dace	青	魚		" 58	23	16
Dog Fish	鯊	魚		" 22	10	—
Eels, Conger	海	鰻		" 56	10	8
" Fresh Water	淡	水	鰻	" 56	16	—
" Yellow	黃	鱔		" 50	10	8
Frogs	田	雞		" 82	25	30
Garoupa	石	班	魚	" 95	32	25
Gudgeon	白	鯇		" 28	40	30
Herrings	青	魚		" 35	22	18
Halibut	鰈			" 45	13	23
Labrus	青	衣		" 48	18	15
Loach	泥	鰍		" 84	32	13
Lobsters	龍	蝦		" 76	62	24
Mackerel	鯖	魚		" 60	32	21
Monk Fish	鮟	鱇		" 52	20	20
Mullet	烏	頭		" 46	13	2
Oysters	蠔			" 40	12	2
Parrot Fish	鸚	哥	魚	" 38	14	9
Perch	鱸	魚		" 35	30	15
Pike	白	鱔		" 54	16	9
Plaice	黃	魚		" 52	36	29
Pomfret, White	白	鯧		" 64	36	30
Pomfret, Black	黑	鯧		" 45	36	45
Prawns	明	蝦		" 82	10	14
Ray	鯆	魚		" 30	10	14
Rock Fish	石	斑		" 36	13	18
Roach	鯽	魚		" 42	22	10
Salmon	三	文	魚	" 62	36	30
Shark	鮫	魚		" 23	8	10
Skate	魟	魚		" 23	10	10
Shrimps	蝦	米		" 68	33	80
Snapper	立	魚		" 54	28	28
Soles	魚	魚		" 54	22	28
Tench	魚	魚		" 45	26	85
Turbot	尤	魚		" 44	12	12
Turtles, small fr. water	龜	甲	魚	" 1.40	40	—

Poultry.				Aug. 19, 1931. Cts.	June, 1918. Cts.	June, 1914. Cts.
Chicken	雞			lb. 64	30	31
Capons, Small	線	雞		" 60	28	30
Capons, Large	肥	線	雞	" 66	28	30
Duck	鴨			" 42	22	21
Doves	班	鳩		each 50	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞	蛋		per doz. 33	18	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	新	鮮雞	蛋	" 36	25	20
Fowls, Canton	本	地	雞	lb. 70	36	24
Fowls, Hainan	海	南	雞	" 60	85	24
Geese	鵝			" 48	24	24
Pigeons, Canton	白	鴿		each 40	80	—
" Holhow	海	口	鴿	" 35	28	—
Turkeys, Cock	火	雞	公	lb. 75	—	—
Turkeys, Hen	火	雞	雌	" 60	61	45
Snipe	沙	浪		each 30	—	—
Pheasant	山	鷄		pair —	—	—
Quail	鶉			each —	—	—
Partridges	鷓	鴣		" —	—	—

Fruits.				Aug. 19, 1931. Cts.	June, 1918. Cts.	June, 1914. Cts.
Almonds	杏	仁		lb. 80	35	—
Apples (California)	金	山	蘋果	" 45	26	—
Bananas (bride's)	靈	山	香蕉	" 8	4	—
Carambola	楊	桃		" 22	12	—
Coconuts	椰	子		each 14	10	10
Lemons, China	檸	檬		lb. 16	25	30
Lemons (American)	金	山	檸檬	each 13	8	—
Lichees, Dried	荔	枝	干	lb. 1.00	25	30
Oranges (Canton)	新	會	甜橙	" —	—	—
Oranges	橙			" —	—	15
Pears (Canton)	沙		梨	" 28	—	—
Peanuts	花	生		" 14	10	12
Persimmons, Large	紅	柿		" 28	12	—
Plantain	大	蕉		" 5	8	—
Pumelo, Siam	暹	羅	柚	each 20	12	6
Walnuts	合	桃		lb. 48	—	16
Grapes	吉	提	子	" 80	—	—

Vegetables, &c.				Aug. 19, 1931. Cts.	June, 1918. Cts.	June, 1914. Cts.
Artichokes	鴉	芝	竹	each 14	—	2
Beans, Sprout	芽	豆	菜	lb. 7	—	7
" Long	豇	豆		" 14	—	8
Beet Root	紅	菜	頭	" 14	—	—
Bitter Squash	苦	瓜		" 6	24	—
Brinjals, Green	青	瓜		" 6	5	3
" Red	紅	瓜		" 6	5	3
Cabbage, Chinese	芥	菜		" 14	—	—
" (Shanghai)	椰	菜		" —	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch	蘆	筍		" 8	—	—
Cauliflower (Large)	大	椰菜	花	each —	—	—
" (Medium)	中	椰菜	花	" —	—	—
" (Small)	小	椰菜	花	" —	6	6
Carrots	金	菜		lb. 16	5	6
Celery, Chinese	芹	菜		" 14	10	6
Chillies, Dried	辣	椒	干	" 18	25	5
" Red	紅	辣	椒	" 14	10	10
" Green	青	辣	椒	" 6	8	12
Curry Stuff, English	咖	喱	料	" 16	8	—
Cucumbers	青		瓜	" 8	2	—
Garlic	蒜		頭	" 10	6	6
Ginger, Young	子	薑		" 10	7	—
" Old	老	薑		" 8	20	—
Horseradish, Shanghai				" 35	8	4
Indian Corn	粟	米		" —	45	—
Lettuce	生	菜		" 10	1	—
Water Chestnuts	馬	蹄		" 10	—	8
" Mandarin	桂	林馬	蹄	" 12	—	8
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮	草	菰	" 52	—	8
Okroes				" —	1	10
Onions, Bombay	洋	葱		" 10	8	8
" Green	生	葱		" 6	4	6
" Shanghai	上	海葱		" 6	6	—
Parsley	芹	香		" 40	60	8
Potato, Sweet	番	薯		" 5	3	—
" Japanese	日	本薯	仔	" 4	3	—
" American	金	山薯	仔	" 8	3	—
Pumpkin	金	瓜		" 5	4	4
Radish	紅	蘿	蔔	" —	—	—
Rhubarb (Fresh)	大	千	菜頭	" —	—	10
Shallots	火	葱		" 6	—	8
Spinach	菠	菜		" 6	8	—
Tomatoes	番	茄		" 18	4	—
Taros	芋	頭		" 6	7	—
Turnips, Punti (Long)	蘿	蔔		" 10	6	—
Vegetable Marrow	西	洋	菜	" 8	4	—
Water Cress				" 14	15	—
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SHANGHAI LADY'S BEQUESTS.

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AID FOR POOR AND NEEDY.

Mrs. Mary Perry, who died in Shanghai on February 26 last, left Hong Kong estate valued at $118,000. Estate in Shanghai amounted to Tls. 168,813.

After making various personal bequests, the will provides that the sum of $4,000, free of all duties, etc., be handed over to her Trustees, to invest as they think fit, the income to be paid to any association in Bagdad which they care to appoint, in order to pay the cost of the performance of anniversary ceremonies in memory of her parents, sister, brothers, and herself.

A further sum of $2,000 is directed to be invested, the income to be distributed yearly, during the period of the Passover, and during the New Year and Day of Atonement, amongst the poor Jews in Poona, India, such distribution to be made in the name of Samuel Perry and Aziza Perry (testator's father and mother).

To the Shanghai General Hospital a sum of Taels 40,000, to endow one free bed, for Jews only, in the third class ward, in the name of Moses Perry (testator's brother); two free beds for Jewesses only, in the third class ward, in the name of Aziza Perry; one free bed for Jews only, in the third class ward, in the name of Isaac Perry. Such beds are to be used only by persons certified as deserving by the Jewish Communal Association of Shanghai.

The sum of $3,000 is to be distributed among any of testator's near and needy relatives in Bagdad.

The residue of the estate, after these deductions, and bequests as directed, to be used for buying a piece of land in Bagdad, and building thereon a synagogue. The synagogue shall be called "Beth Shemuel." In the alternative, it is left to the role discretion of the Trustees, to build, in lieu of a synagogue, an Eye Hospital in Bagdad, in which case it shall be called the "Aziza Perry Hospital." Any funds left over shall be used for maintenance thereof.

SCHNEIDER RACE.

Arrangements Proceed Smoothly.

PARKING PLACES.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Owing to the rough seas and high winds the British Schneider Team were prevented from making any practice flight at Calshot to-day.

Arrangements are proceeding smoothly. Special provision is being made for the parking of aeroplanes in which spectators will arrive from all over Britain and from the Continent.—British Wireless Service.

Nine months' imprisonment was imposed on Chu Cheung at the Kowloon Police Court to-day for returning from banishment during the prohibited period. He was sent for 10 years in 1925.

COLONEL HURLEY.

Visit to Hong Kong and Philippines.

CONSUL-GENERAL'S GUEST.

Colonel P. J. Hurley, the American Secretary of War, is expected to arrive in Hong Kong to-morrow on the s.s. President Cleveland. He is on his way to the Philippine Islands and is accompanied by Mrs. Hurley and his Aide-de-Camp, Major Bishop, of the United States Army. Colonel Maxwell Murray, United States Army, and Mrs. Murray are also members of the party.

It is understood that the Secretary is proceeding to the Philippines to study the economic and political situation in the Islands. He will probably remain several weeks and visit Iloilo, Zamboanga, and other important places. As head of the War Department at Washington the Secretary is responsible under the President for the administration of the Government of the Philippines and is the immediate superior of Governor General Davis.

Although not a professional soldier, Colonel Hurley takes a deep interest in military affairs and has seen active service with the American Army. He was a Captain in the Oklahoma National Guard and became a Major in the United States Army during the World War. He participated in the Aisne-Marne, Meuse—Argonne and St. Mihiel operations of the American Expeditionary Forces when he received the American Distinguished Service Medal. He is now a Colonel in the United States Army (Reserve Corps). President Hoover appointed Colonel Hurley to be Secretary of War in 1929. As such he is a member of the Cabinet and the fifth ranking official in the United States Government.

Upon his arrival Secretary Hurley will be met at the steamer by Consul General Jenkins, Trade Commissioner Maynard and Captain Partello, Commander of the U.S.S. Helena. While in Hong Kong Colonel and Mrs. Hurley will be the guests of the American Consul-General and Mrs. Jenkins.

ALL QUIET IN PORTUGAL.

Rebels Fleeing Northward.

Madrid, Yesterday.

Telephone news from Lisbon confirms the fact that quiet has been restored but that the death roll has risen to 50 with 300 wounded. The northern provinces are isolated and a strict censorship is operating. It is believed that skirmishes are occurring with rebels, who are fleeing northward.—Reuter.

MAHATMA GANDHI.

Leaves for Bombay with Entourage.

DRAMATIC SETTLEMENT.

Simla, Yesterday.

The dispute between the Government of India and the Indian National Congress Working Committee, which threateed to prevent Mahatma Gandhi's departure, has been settled dramatically, at the last moment.

Mahatma Gandhi, in very cheerful mood has left for Bombay en route to London. He is accompanied by his son, Devadas, his secretary, also Miss Slade and Pundit Malaviaya.—Reuter.

RARE DISEASE IN MALAYA.

Japanese River Fever.

BITE OF A MITE.

Mr. Robertson, the professional attached to the Singapore Golf Club, who has been a patient at the General Hospital for some days, is now progressing satisfactorily. Mr. Robertson's illness was diagnosed as Japanese river fever, a very uncommon disease, his being stated to be the first case in Malaya for three or four years.

To medical science the disease is known as the Tsutsugamushi Disease. It is a continued fever which follows the bite of a mite known as the Trombicula Akamushi, and some closely allied species of mites which convey the virus from rodents to man.

In Japan the disease has been known for centuries. It is not transmitted direct from man to man and infection is merely incidental. Wild rodents are the natural reservoirs of the virus.

In Japan there are three or four hundred cases of the disease every year and it occurs during the heat of summer in small and limited areas along the banks of rivers and in low-lying deltas and islands which are subject to inundation. The dangerous spots are usually waste land covered with undergrowth or reeds.

In 1915 a report was made of a case which was possibly the Tsutsugamushi disease. The patient was a young European planter in the Malay States who had been suffering for two weeks from pains in the axilla and over the left side of the chest, together with slight fever in the evenings. The patient eventually recovered. During 1926 there were four cases. Three of the patients came from the same plantation and were admitted to the European hospital at Kuala Lumpur within a short time of one another. The fourth patient was taken ill on his return from Sumatra where he may have contracted the disease. With the exception of the suspected case in 1915 the disease had not been recognised in the Malay States prior to 1926. Three of the patients referred to above came from an oil-palm plantation where they had been working in an area overgrown with weeds and long grass, on the edge of virgin jungle. One of the men died but the others recovered, after being seriously ill.

It was reported from upcountry that Mr. W. F. N. Churchill, District Officer, Raub, had been ill with Japanese river fever. He was living with Dr. Cobb, S.M.O., Pahang, who diagnosed the disease in time to take action to check it. It is suspected that he contracted the disease at the same time as the late Mr. C. Hake, as they had been on an expedition together in the jungle a few days previously.

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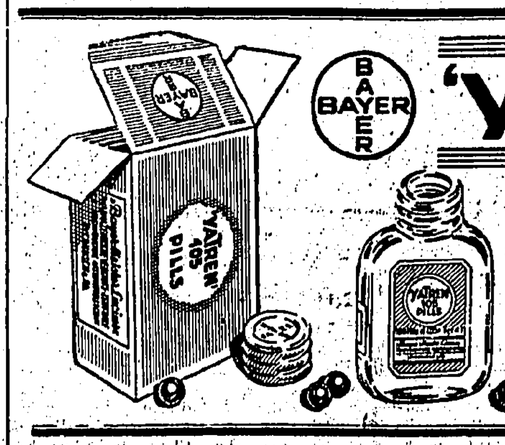

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